



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood



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Third Sunday of Lent

20 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

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Points of interest and Catholic lore

- The pool of Siloam was a reservoir that lay within the city walls of ancient Jerusalem. During the reign of King Hezekiah, an extraordinary tunnel was dug through bedrock to connect it to the spring of Gihon outside the city walls so that the city would have an ample water supply in times of siege.
- We have no evidence outside the biblical text of the incident referred to here where Pilate 'mingled the blood of the Galileans with their sacrifice,' but such an act is not out of character. Pilate had a reputation for being a brutal military leader.
- At the time in which Jesus lived, suffering was often considered to be a punishment from God for sin committed.

Making connections- Opportunities for personal prayer

- * How 'fruitful' has your life been? What 'fruit' have you borne?
- * Do you need a second chance to bear good fruit?
- * In what ways can you make it even more fruitful?
- * Have you ever had an experience of needing to nurture someone or something for a long period before they 'produced fruit'? Were there failures along the way? What was it that eventually brought about the growth? Share your reflections.
- * Attend carefully this week to cultivating your own relationship with God. Try to bring out the best in someone else as well.
- * Use this section of today's psalm as your prayer this week:

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. For as the heavens are above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him.

Symbols and images

The vineyard was often used in Scripture as a symbol of Israel, God's people. God is depicted as the owner of the vineyard, who attends to it with great care—planting, cultivating, feeding and pruning the vines to make them fruitful and abundant. Israel will be judged on what fruit it bears or fails to bear. So too will we be judged on how fruitful our lives are.

Please pray...

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

For those who have died recently

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Barbara De Rosayro

Readings Next Week Fourth Sunday of Lent

Joshua 5:9-12

Ps 33:2-7

2 Cor 5:17-21

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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 19/20

Lectors

Saturday 5:00 pm Vincent Cassidy
Frances Cassidy
Sunday 9:30 am Kerry Peterson

Special Ministers

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

Music Ministry

Saturday 5:00 pm Christian & Ianthe
Laptop: Royal Castellino
Sunday 9:30 am
Laptop: Maureen Platt

Children's Liturgy—Sunday 9:30am Mass

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

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.

Church Alarm

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

Stewardship Envelopes

If you normally receive envelopes for Stewardship donations they are ready for pick up in the Narthex. Apologies for the delay. Please note new sets of envelopes will be provided twice a year from now so these will last for 6 months. Please notify the office of any change please.

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 Reconciliation and first Holy Communion. Classes will be on Wednesdays 4:00 –5:15 p.m. starting on 10 May. Please email Kaye for enrolment 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.

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 Perpetual 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

Now that the SVDP bin has been removed, please do NOT leave clothing in the Narthex, but drop off at Vinnies store.

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/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

Flood Appeal— Society of St Vincent de Paul

The floods in QLD and NSW are having a devastating effect on the people living in these regions. For those wishing to support the long-term recovery work to be undertaken by St Vincent de Paul Society in QLD & NSW, financial donations can be made either directly to either state through: https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Find_Help/Flood_appeal/ or by calling QLD (07) 30101000 or NSW (02) 9569 0262

Caritas Australia—Ukraine Emergency Appeal

The people of Ukraine are living through a crisis that will impact the country for years to come. Caritas Australia has launched an appeal to support Caritas Ukraine and other partners in the region. The appeal will support the provision of clean water, hygiene and food kits to vulnerable families, as well as safe collection centres for families on the move, emergency accommodation and support for distressed children and families. <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/ukraine/> Or contact 1800 024 413

Project Compassion



Janice 44, is a proud Wagilak woman, a traditional dancer, living in a remote community in the Northern Territory. As elders grow older and pass away, she knows she must share her knowledge with the younger generation. However, the community faces multiple challenges, including a lack of jobs, limited educational opportunities, and socio-economic which can lead to young people becoming disconnected from culture.

With your help, Caritas Australia supports Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation, which operates a centre for traditional and contemporary Aboriginal arts and culture, providing employment and generating income for local communities.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help provide employment and training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive.

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: Third Wednesday of Month

Stewardship Corner

"...He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" (LUKE 13:7)

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts, and return them with increase. Remember, we are called to be generous with all of gifts; especially the one that means the most to you.

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

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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.

Easter Ceremonies

7:30pm Wednesday 13 April—Lenten Penitential Service (St John's Mitcham)

7:30 pm Thursday 14 April—Mass of the Last Supper

3:00 pm Friday 15 April—Adoration of the Cross

5:00 pm Saturday 16 April—Easter Vigil Mass

9:30 am Sunday 17 April—Easter Sunday Mass