



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood



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First Sunday of Lent

6 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

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
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Did you know?

Points of interest and Catholic lore

- ◇ Numbers are often significant in the Bible. The number forty denotes an extended period. Thus, in the story of Noah, rain falls for forty days; the Israelites wandered for forty years in the desert; and both Elijah and Moses fast for forty days before an encounter with God.
- ◇ Lent, a time of fasting, prayer and giving for all Christians, also runs for forty days and is a special time of final preparation for people who will be receiving the sacraments at Easter.
- ◇ This text comes immediately after the baptism of Jesus in Luke's Gospel. The baptism takes place in the lower reaches of the Jordan River, just north of the point where it enters the Dead Sea. This is a particularly desolate and barren region of dry river beds (wadis) and steep, rocky cliffs rising up from the Jordan Valley.
- ◇ The temple precinct in Jerusalem was built on a mountain. It comprised the temple itself and several courtyards surrounded by a very high wall. This is the parapet referred to in this text.

Making connections- Opportunities for personal prayer

- * What are the great temptations in your life?
- * In what ways have you been 'led by the Spirit through the wilderness'?
- * 'Man does not live on bread alone.' What nourishes your spiritual life?
- * Today's gospel presents Jesus' struggle to remain true to himself and his faith. Spend time reflecting on how you are feeling about the Rite of Election and the commitment you will make at Easter. Share your hopes and fears.
- * Spend time this week contemplating the difficult periods of your life and how they led you to new understandings of yourself, others and God. Reach out to someone who may be experiencing a difficult time in their lives.

Use the response to today's psalm as your prayer this week:

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

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: Dorothy Canet, Kevin Mogg & Diana Marlow

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Frank Kelly.

Readings Next Week Second Sunday of Lent

Gen 15: 5-12, 17-18
Ps 26: 1, 7-9, 13-14
Phil 3:17-4:1
Lk 9: 28-36

Should you need immediate/emergency assistance from the Parish Priest please call Dispin on: 0413 683 153

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 5/6

Lectors

Saturday 5:00 pm Ursula Harris

Sunday 9:30 am Frank O'Connor
Julie Zaar

Special Ministers

Saturday 5:00 pm Vincent Cassidy
Francis Cassidy
Jennifer de Korte

Sunday 9:30 am Jim Fuller
Bob Munro

Music Ministry

Saturday 5:00 pm Laptop: Matt Giuliano

Sunday 9:30 am Rohan Smith
Laptop: Bob Munro

St Vincent de Paul

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

Deacon Phil King

Philip.King@cam.org.au

Parish Catechist- Kaye Clancy

For sacramental preparations for those not
attending the Parish School, please con-
tract 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.

**The Funeral for Dorothy Canet will be held at Our Lady's on
Thursday 10 March at 11:00am**

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.

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 provid-
ed 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.

Church flowers

Thank you to members of the Polish and Zomi Communities
who have volunteered to do the flowers in the church. The
roster will begin after Lent.

Lenten Reflection Groups

The group will meet in the Narthex at 10am every Thursday
during Lent. We will reflect on the gospel, share our faith with
each other and pray together. We will be using the booklet
"Remember" by the Diocese of Wollongong. 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 Mon-
day 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.

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.

This week on the Journey

On the Journey this week: We commence our Lenten series with reflections and tips. Fr Anthony Jukes says the three temptations teach us about desires, power, glory, and celebrity worship. Mother Hilda uses Jack's story to say yes to the commitments in our lives. Fr Sean Cullen guides us through Jesus' instruction to pray. Plus, Fr Anthony Crook, The Bush Deacon Josh Clayton, and more great music!

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.

COME & SEE!

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

A Prayer for Ukraine

Gracious God, we pray for the people of Ukraine suffering from war.

May they be held in your loving care and protection and given the strength to endure their suffering and hardship.

Transform the hearts and minds of those who perpetuate the violence and oppression.

Grant wisdom to world leaders in advancing efforts toward peace; may they not be compromised by self-interest and blind indifference.

We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and in the name of your Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. John 14:27

Project Compassion



Anatercia 12, was struggling to cope with adult responsibilities after her father died. Then she participated in Caritas Australia- supported training and gained access to psychosocial supports.

Now, Anatercia can easily access clean drinking water, community members are able to grow healthy crops all year round, and there is enough nutritious food to eat. Anatercia feels better supported by her community, has more time to study and do her homework, and hopes to fulfil her dream of becoming a nurse.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help young people succeed in the future and bring stability to vulnerable youth like Anatercia.

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:

Parish Safeguarding Committee Third Wednesday of Month

Stewardship Corner

"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me." (DEUTERONOMY 26:10)

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits" - the first and best that you have to offer, or do you give from what you have leftover? Second, do you realize that everything you have and that everything you are has been given to you by God? Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

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

The 5pm Mass on Sunday at St John's will resume from the 6th 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.