



# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood

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## Fourth Sunday of Lent

27 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](mailto: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](mailto:admin@olringwood.catholic.edu.au)  
2 Wilana Street, Ringwood  
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#### Points of interest and Catholic lore

- The son going to ‘a distant country’ shows that he has turned his back not only on his father but also on his faith. He has left his true heritage behind. His repentance and return becomes all the more poignant.
- Accepting work with pigs shows just how low the son had sunk because pigs are unclean animals to the Jews and touching them rendered the son unclean as well.
- By asking for his inheritance, the son was as good as saying to his father, ‘I wish you were dead.’ This makes the father’s forgiveness all the more astounding.

#### Making connections- Opportunities for personal prayer

- Which of the characters in this story do you identify with the most: the younger son? the father? the older son? How might you react in such circumstances?
- Recall a moment in your life when you experienced something of either the father’s joy at reconciliation, the younger son’s change of heart or the elder son’s jealousy and resentment. Describe this experience for others.
- Reach out to someone with an invitation, a gesture or a word of forgiveness.
- This line from the gospel is particularly apt during Lent, the time of repentance. Use it often this week:  
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. Forgive me.

#### Symbols and images

God’s abundance is again portrayed in the image of the great feast—the kingdom of heaven is open both to the righteous and to the sinner who repents. God’s boundless forgiveness and loving welcome of the penitent are at the core of this parable.

#### Please pray...

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

For those who have died recently.

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:  
Sean King, Vina Dunn

#### Readings Next Week

Fifth Sunday of Lent  
Is 43:16-21  
Ps 125  
Phil 3:8-14  
Jn 8:1-11

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 26/27**

##### **Lectors**

Saturday 5:00 pm	Jennifer Tolcher
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Sunday 9:30 am	Lyn Crane Jim Fuller
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##### **Special Ministers**

Saturday 5:00 pm	Dianne Wood
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	Margaret Roper
Sunday 9:30 am	Jim Corcoran
	Paula Corcoran
	Tess Repalust

##### **Music Ministry**

Saturday 5:00 pm	Laptop: Royal Castellino
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Sunday 9:30 am	Pol & Singers Laptop: Dean Scott
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### **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](mailto: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 organise a code.**

### **War in Ukraine**

This week, on the Feast of The Annunciation, Pope Francis has made an Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary to entrust the nations at war to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Copies are available in the Narthex.

### **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. If you give monthly or less your envelopes are available this week.

### **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**

In planning for Easter Liturgies we are looking for people to take part as; singers, readers, special ministers, singers and more singers! 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](mailto:francescassidy7@hotmail.com)

Join the meeting by computer using this link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87454569315?  
pwd=NWZxTHo1Y2IGdldPSk55MHJsSWgzQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87454569315?pwd=NWZxTHo1Y2IGdldPSk55MHJsSWgzQT09)

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 Col-

lege (CTC), East Melbourne. For more information

**Watch:** Melbourne's Deacons <https://youtu.be/g2RhNDbtTSQ>

**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](mailto:diaconate@cam.org.au)

### **Appeals Commended by the Archbishop**

Flood Appeal—Society of St Vincent de Paul

[https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Find\\_Help/Flood\\_appeal/](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

<https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/ukraine/> Or contact 1800 024 413

### **Project Compassion**



Rosalie 44, is an ex-combatant who lives with her husband and seven children in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Forced to join the army when she was just 15-years-old, Rosalie experienced significant trauma and hardship during her years in the military. After she was demobilised from the army, Rosalie, like other ex-combatants, was left to fend for herself in the community.

With your generous support and through our local partners, Rosalie was able to connect with other members of her community and participate in business skills training to help her to reintegrate into society.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help women like Rosalie to succeed in the future, providing hope For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting [lent.caritas.org.au](https://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**

"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan." (JOSHUA 5:12)

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

### **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.



### **Our Lady's**

#### **Wednesday 6 April 7:30pm**

Lenten Penitential Celebration (St John's Mitcham)

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

**Good Friday 15 April 3:00 pm** —Commemoration of the Cross

**Holy Saturday 16 April 5:00 pm** — Easter Vigil Mass

**Easter Sunday 17 April 8:00am**—Polish Mass

**Easter Sunday 17 April 9:30 am** —Easter Mass

## **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

### **Venue hire**

<https://stjohnsmitcham.com.au/venue-hire>

### **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 4 April.

### **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. 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.

The Bookshop is open from 10am to 4pm Monday to Friday and 10am to 1pm on Saturdays.

## **Holy Week and Easter Timetable**

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