



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

15 May 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

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Exploring the Word

Points of interest and Catholic lore

- The title 'Son of Man' is one that is often used by Jesus in the gospels to describe himself.
- In the Gospel of John, when Jesus speaks of being glorified or exalted, he is referring to his death on the cross. For John, this is the moment of supreme triumph for Jesus.
- This text comes from a section of John's Gospel known as the Farewell Discourse, which is delivered by Jesus to his friends just before his arrest. Here, Judas has already gone out to betray him.

Making connections- Opportunities for personal prayer

- How will people know that you are a disciple of Jesus?
- In what ways do you glorify God?
- How do you show love for others?
- Sometimes it is easy to love but at other times it becomes very difficult. Share an experience of being loved beyond what was expected or even deserved. Or share an occasion when you were called on to continue loving, even though it was very difficult.
- Can you take up the challenge and act with love towards all people you encounter this week?
- The Easter season is one of praise and glorification. Use the Gloria as your prayer this week.

Symbols and images

The new commandment of love for one another becomes the defining principle and sign of discipleship. It is through this love for each other, which sets believers apart from the rest of the community, that people will know that they are followers of Jesus. This is much more difficult than it sounds! The biggest challenge is to act with love towards those we find it difficult to like!

Please pray...

For those who are sick or suffering serious illness, their families and loved ones who care for them, especially Ron Snell and our parishioners who are currently suffering with Covid.

For those who have died recently: Assunta Esposito

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Hannah Nix, William Thomas, Rohan De Silva

Readings Next Week

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8

Rev 21:10-14, 22-23

Jn 14:23-29

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

May 14/15

Lectors

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

Special Ministers

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

Music Ministry

Saturday 5:00 pm
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

1st Sunday of the Month

Polish Mass 8:00am

4th Sunday of the Month

Zomi Community Mass 2:00pm.
Filipino Mass: 4:00pm

The funeral for Assunta Esposito will take place at Our Lady's on Thursday 19 May beginning at 11:00am

Church Alarm

The alarm will be operational next week. Please check with Janine for your code as due to unforeseen circumstances there have been a few changes

Parish Council Vacancies

Nominations are invited for two vacancies on the Parish Council. If you or someone you know are interested in joining the parish council please speak to Fr Dispin, Deacon Phil or any member of the present council: Brendan Prendergast, Lyn Bolton, Frances Cassidy, Brian Du Bois, Ron Prendergast, Ingrid Scott. Nomination forms are available in the church and are to be submitted by Sunday 29th May. If more than two nominations are received then an election will be held in June.

Carpark

Please observe the speed limit of 5kms especially when entering the carpark as this ensures the safety of everyone particularly those using the disabled parks.

Have You Lost Something?

The box for lost property has been placed in the Narthex, please check to see if anything in there belongs to you.

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.

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 Power-Point on the laptop during Mass. Training will be provided if necessary. Call Bob Munro on 0424 212 420

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.

Next Lectio Divina

Lectio is on each Monday and repeated the following Tuesday morning. 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?pwd=NWZxTHo1Y2lGdldPSk55MHJsSWgzQT09>

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.

Mass to Commemorate Those Who Have Died During the Covid Pandemic—Sunday 22 May, 11am

In recognition of the significant impact of COVID in our families and communities, Archbishop Comensoli will celebrate a memorial Mass for all those who have died during the COVID pandemic and could not be mourned properly due to pandemic restrictions. Parishes and individuals are invited to submit the name(s) of those you would like remembered during the Mass by visiting the Holy Souls Chapel (inside St Patrick's Cathedral) during May or online <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GZKP7QF>. The names will be placed in a basket at the base of the altar, to be prayed for during all Masses over the weekend of 21–22 May.

'Call of Guadalupe'- an Australian-grown Catholic Musical! AUDITIONS NOW OPEN! COG Theatre Musicals have gone around Australia & overseas. We invite you to be involved in this splendid, uplifting and life-affirming Show on stage in November, 2022! A great opportunity to DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS in the Performing Arts. Learn how to act, sing or help backstage with FREE Drama & Singing Classes in the Burwood & Chelsea area. For more info: www.cogtheatre.org For audition details:

contact cogtheatregroup@gmail.com or Von 0423 886 984 or Geraldine 0413398528

Something to make you smile!

A father passing by his son's bedroom was astonished to see the bed was nicely made and the floor was spotless. Then he saw an envelope on the pillow. It was addressed, "Dad." With trembling hands, the father opened the envelope and slowly read the letter.

"Dear Dad. It is with great regret and sorrow that I'm writing to you. I've eloped with my new girlfriend because I wanted to avoid a scene with Mum and you. I love my family but I've fallen in love with a girl called Monica. She is so nice but I knew you would not approve of her because of her body piercings, the many tattoos, motorcycle clothes, and because she is so much older than I am. But it's not only about the passion, dad. We're expecting a baby in the summer. Monica believes we will be very happy together. She owns a caravan in the bush and has plenty of firewood for the approaching winter. We share a dream of having many more children.

Don't worry, dad. I know I'm only 15 but I can take care of myself. Someday, I'm sure we'll come back to visit, so you can get to know your many grandchildren.

Much love, your son, Josh."

The father went white then saw the P.S. at the bottom of the letter.

"Dad, none of the above is true. I'm actually over at Pete's house. I just wanted to remind you that there are worse things in life than the school report that's on the kitchen table.

Call me when it's safe to come home."

Parish Meetings

Parish Pastoral Council: First Wednesday of Month
Parish Finance Council: Thursday 26 May 7:30pm
Safeguarding Committee: Third Wednesday of Month

Special Collection—Catholic Mission May 21/22

Envelopes are available and can be returned next week.

BRING HOPE TO NEELA AND HER FAMILY

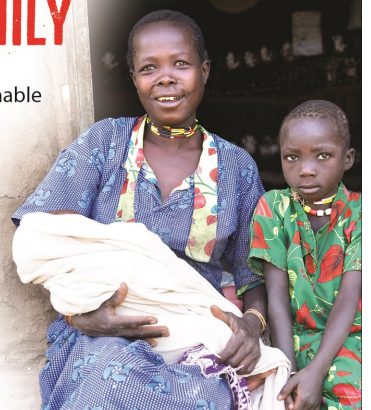
Many families in Emdibir are subsistence farmers, and distressingly, many are unable to put enough food on the table each day.

Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Church and community in Emdibir, Ethiopia, where your gift can help build a life-changing program from the ground up to help address this urgent need.

We hope you will take this opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia



Stewardship Corner

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." (JOHN 13:34)

"As I have loved you," this is the hard part – Jesus's love is unconditional; our love usually comes with strings attached. It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes mercy and compassion to love someone when you feel unappreciated, feel used or feel like your opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage and the grace of God to "love my neighbour" when they may be someone you don't like, someone you don't know or someone that doesn't look like 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.

'Tending Our Winter Heart: Live-in Weekend Retreat', Friday 10 June, 4pm - Sun 12 June, 4pm.

We invite you to a contemplative retreat where you will have the opportunity to spend some personal, quality time with yourself in the quiet and beautiful surrounds of The Holy Name Retreat & Spirituality Centre in Cheltenham VIC. Time is offered for personal space and reflection, within a supportive environment, as well as spiritual direction if you wish. Limited rooms for couples are available. Led by Heart of Life supervisors and spiritual directors, Carole Carmody rsm and Marlene McGrath. Cost \$300 including accommodation and catering. Enquiries to Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, email secretary@heartoflife.melbourne, or tel (03) 9890 1101 or book and pay via www.heartoflife.melbourne

Sharing from St. John's Parish Mitcham

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Weekday Masses

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 10:00a.m.

Weekend Mass Times

Sat Vigil 6pm, Sun 8:30am, 9:45am, 11:15am, 5pm

Venue hire– St Johns

Call Manuela at St John's Parish Office for more information.

<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!

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.

This week on the Journey (Ep 458)

On the Journey this week: Fr John Paul Escarlan's Gospel reflection on Jesus' command to love one another. To love like Jesus is transformative love, it changes us to be a better version of ourselves that God wants us to be. Mother Hilda's continues the love theme and says the message for us is it doesn't matter how we are treated, it's what we do with and about it that really matters, how we respond with the love of Jesus. Plus, Trish McCarthy, Huw Warmenhoven from Alpha and Fr Dave Callaghan, and more great music!

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