



# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood



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## First Sunday of Advent

28 November 2021—Year C

### Parish Information

#### Parish Priest

Fr Dispin John

Assisted by  
Fr Michael Kelly CSsR  
Fr Len Size (retired)

#### Deacon

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

#### Reconciliation

TBA

#### Baptism

Please contact the office.

#### Weddings

Please contact the office.

#### Our Lady of Perpetual Help School

Principal: Adrian Scutt  
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Advent is the beginning of the Church's liturgical year.

The Advent period is concerned with 'waiting' for the coming of the Christ child.

The Advent wreath is one way of preparing for the coming of the Christ child. The circle of greenery is a symbol of God's love, without beginning or end, while the candles represent the four weeks of preparation time. One candle is lit each Sunday during Advent, and the final, central candle is lit on Christmas Day

#### 1st Week of Advent Prayer

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,  
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ  
with righteous deeds at his coming,  
so that, gathered at his right hand,  
they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, you Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever,  
Amen.

### Readings Next Week

Second Sunday of Advent

Baruch 5: 1-9  
Phil 1: 4-6, 8-11  
Lk 3: 1-6

#### For your Prayers

Please pray for those who are sick and suffering serious illness and their families and loved ones who care for them.

For those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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

#### 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)

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

Nov 27/28

### Lectors

Saturday 5:00 pm Jennifer Tolcher

Sunday 9:30 am Lyn Crane  
Jim Fuller

### Special Ministers

Saturday 5:00 pm Diane Wood  
Margaret Roper

Sunday 9:30 am Jim Corcoran  
Paula Corcoran  
Tess Repalust

### Music Ministry

Saturday 5:00 pm Christian and Singer/s  
Laptop: Maureen

Sunday 9:30 am Laptop: Bob Munro

## 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 (No vaccination status)

## HOUSE OF BOOKS

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 currently open from 10am to 1pm Monday to Saturday but will resume normal hours on Monday 29th November. It will then operate from 10am to 4pm Monday to Friday and 10am to 1pm on Saturdays. It will close on 22nd December and reopen January 2022. Customers will be required to abide by Government public health requirements and to check in using the Victorian Services App.

## Parish Notices

### PRF Leaving Collection this weekend

As the restrictions imposed by the Government due to COVID-19, Sunday Masses were not able to be celebrated on the first Sunday of September. Traditionally the "Father's Day" collection would have been taken up on that Sunday to support the retired Priests of the Archdiocese. Parishes have been asked to hold a collection in support of the Priest's Retirement Fund. This will be done as a leaving collection next weekend.

### Children's Liturgy Returns

Children's Liturgy returns to 930am mass with the start of Advent and we welcome all children to join in.

### Gospel Reflection Groups for Advent.

An opportunity to prepare for Christmas by taking time to reflect on the Advent gospel readings, faith-sharing with your fellow parishioners and praying together.

Daytime: Tuesdays 10am in the narthex. Led by Lyn Bolton.

Evening: Thursdays 7.30pm in the narthex. Led by Bob Munro.

### Safe Return to Mass

It was good to see everyone "in the flesh" at Masses last weekend. No bookings are needed and there is no limit on numbers. Wearing face masks is optional. We still have to register every time with the QR code and show proof-of-vaccination if visiting for the first time. Most of the tapes have been removed from the benches and they will be all gone by Christmas.



### St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal

This year, once again we are appealing for donations to fill Christmas boxes, last year was very successful thanks to a great response from Parishioners of Our Lady's Parish.

We are kindly asking you to donate some of the following Christmas Treats: boxes of chocolates, lollies, popcorn, potato chips, nuts, small Christmas cake, pudding, short bread, custard, jelly, tin of fruit, tin of ham, tea/coffee, savoury biscuits.

Small gifts for single Mums or Dads. E.g. soap, deodorant.

Boxes are available on request and we will deliver for you to fill. Otherwise, there will be a drop off box in the Narthex for you to deliver Christmas food.

We are hoping to provide as many as 70 boxes, similar to last year and we need your help to reach this target to those who need help and a Hand Up.

Thank you for generosity shown in the past.

### **Liturgy Planning for Advent and Christmas**

There will be a meeting to prepare for Advent and Christmas at 7.30pm on Monday 6th December in the parish office. Any questions, please see Deacon Phil.

### **Lectio Divina**

Lectio is on each Monday with a repeat on 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 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>

Meeting ID: 874 5456 9315

### **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.

### **Stewardship Corner**

“But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.” (Luke 21:28)

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those closest to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.

### **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.

**Remember to support our parish collection by clicking [HERE](#).**

### **Parish Meetings**

Parish Pastoral Council	1st December
Parish Finance Council	
Parish Safeguarding Committee	

### **Time Out**

We are very happy to let people know that Table tennis has resumed in Our Lady's Hall from 10-12 weekly. Our monthly meeting will be on the Wed.17th from 10:30-12:00.

You will have an opportunity to put your name down for the December Dine Out on 15th. Allan and Maree Jones will take bookings 0467683051  
Vaccination certificate and QR registration essential.

### **Phone calls & Office Hours**

Please note parish phone is unattended outside the office hours of Mon, Tues & Fri 9:30-2:30. Leave a message, and Janine will get back to you at the earliest convenience. If immediate attention is required ring Fr Dispin. Details in bulletin

### **QR Code—Favourites Link**

Make Our Lady's one of your favourites and you won't need to scan each time. You can just tap the place name from your list of favourites to check in.

### **Child Safety**

As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance the safety of all children in our Parish, you may notice Child Safety Officers in high-vis vests at masses from now on. These CSOs will 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.

### **Class of 1987, OLPH reunion**

We are having a reunion in February 2022 for students in our year level that attended OLOPH (Prep 1981 – Grade 6 1987). If you attended OL through this year level and would like to attend our reunion please email [oloph1987@gmail.com](mailto:oloph1987@gmail.com)

### **First Communions**

During the week the children of the Parish made their First Communions over four evening masses. Remember them, their parents and their families in your prayers as they continue their faith journey .

### **Something to make you smile!**

Christmas was but a month away and young Tom asked his mum if he could have a new bike. She told him that the best idea would be to write to Santa Claus. But Tom, having just played Joseph in the school nativity play, said he would prefer to write to the baby Jesus. His mum told him that would be fine.

Tom went to his room and wrote, "Dear Jesus, I have been a very good boy and would like to have a bike for Christmas." But he wasn't very happy when he read over his letter so he decided to try again.

This time he wrote, "Dear Jesus, I'm a good boy most of the time and would dearly like a bike for Christmas." He read it back and wasn't happy with that letter either. He attempted a third version.

"Dear Jesus, I could be a good boy if I tried hard and especially if I had a new bike." However, after another read he still wasn't satisfied. So, he decided to go for a walk while he pondered a better approach. He soon passed a house with a small statue of the Virgin Mary in the front garden. He had an idea. He crept in, stuffed the statue under his coat, hurried home and hid it under his bed.

Then he wrote, "Dear Jesus, if you want to see your mother again, you'd better send me a new bike."