



# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood

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## Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

20 November 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

#### Pastoral Care Worker

Loredana Iacobucci

#### Parish Secretary

Janine Meades

Office hours

Mon, Tues, Fri 9:30-2:30

#### Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 5pm

Sunday 9:30am

#### Week Day Masses

Tuesday 6:00pm Mass and Novena

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)

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### Exploring the Word

#### Points of interest and Catholic lore

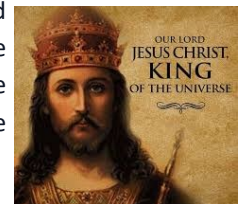
- Crucifixes often have the letters INRI inscribed on them. These are the Latin initials for Iesus Nazarenus, Rex Iudaeorum, which means 'Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews'. These are the words that Pilate had written on the cross above Jesus.
- All four gospels state that Jesus was crucified between two thieves, but Luke is the only one that recounts this story of one of the thieves recognising and believing in Jesus. This is consistent with Luke's theme of God's grace being granted to the lowly and the outcast.
- Today is the final Sunday of the church liturgical year. Next week is the first Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a new church year, during which the Gospel of Matthew will be read.

#### Making connections - Opportunities for personal prayer

- What do you think and feel when you contemplate the image of Christ crucified?
- Have you ever been punished when you have done nothing wrong? How did you feel?
- Royalty and royal families seem to have a fascination for people and certainly achieve plenty of coverage in the media. Share your feelings about royalty and royal personages. How does this compare with the image of Christ as King?
- Place a crucifix in a place of honour in your home. Spend some time each day in prayer before the crucified Christ.
- The plea of the penitent thief makes a fine prayer this week:  
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

#### Symbols and images

The image of a king is of one who has ultimate authority and one to whom loyalty and obedience is owed. It is in this sense that we celebrate Christ as king. During his life, Jesus preached the kingdom of God, but he avoided attempts by some to make him a king in an earthly sense. He was not interested in power or glory or in military might. The 'kingship' of Jesus lies in the authority of his teachings and the recognition that he is God among us.



#### Please pray...

For those who are sick or suffering serious illness, their families and loved ones who care for them, Peter Harris

For those who have died recently: Gavan Knight.

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time

#### Readings

##### First Sunday of Advent

Is 2:1-5,

Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9

Rom 13:11-14

Mt 24:37-44

**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 November 19/20**

**Lectors**

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:30 am            Angela Lacey  
   Kerry Peterson

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion**

Saturday 5:00 pm            Margaret Roper

Sunday 9:30 am              Kath McCrae

**Music Ministry**

Saturday 5:00 pm    Christian Gunawan  
   Laptop: Royal Castellino

Sunday 9:30 am  
   Laptop: Jos Vandersman

**Outreach Pastoral Care Ministry**

Dear Parishioners,  
Pastoral care is available @ Our Lady’s, if you or someone you know would like to have a chat, please don’t hesitate to call me on 0423 313 336 or e-mail [loredana.iacobucci@cam.org.au](mailto:loredana.iacobucci@cam.org.au) .  
God bless Loredana

**Parish Catechist- Kaye Clancy**

For sacramental preparations for those not attending the Parish School, please contract Kaye via email [Kaye.clancy@cam.org.au](mailto:Kaye.clancy@cam.org.au)

**Children’s Liturgy—Sunday 9:30am Mass**

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

**1st Sunday of the Month—December 4**

Polish Mass 8:00am

**4th Sunday of the Month—November 27**

Zomi Community Mass 2:00pm.

Filipino Mass: 4:00pm

*Morning Tea*

Why not stay awhile and find someone you haven’t met yet? A good way to grow our community after 9:30 mass.

**November Dates:**

**20<sup>th</sup>** (Team 2)



**The funeral service for Gavan Knight will be held at Our Lady’s on 22 November at 10:30.**

**Anointing & Healing Mass—8<sup>th</sup> December**

There will be an Anointing and Healing Mass on the first Thursday of each month at 11:00am.

**Advent Reflection Groups**

The group will meet each Tuesday at 10:00am in the parish meeting room. First Meeting Tuesday 22 November. Everyone welcome

**St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal**

**“Kindness is the key to our hearts” St. Vincent de Paul**

Last Christmas we gifted 80 boxes and food vouchers to Families in need, this was thanks to the generosity of Our Lady’s Parishioners, our Primary School, and Aquinas College.

This Christmas we are kindly asking you to donate towards our appeal. We all have been affected by rising costs, but with your help, our aim is to assist as many families as possible.



Donations of the following would be greatly appreciated:

Christmas cake, Short bread, Pudding, Box of Chocolate, Lollies, Nuts, Jelly, tin of fruit, Ham, Savoury biscuits etc.

Boxes are available on request to fill with Christmas Treats or donations can be dropped off in the Christmas Box in the Narthex. If you prefer to donate money, we are more than

happy to shop for you. Remember, watch for the specials when you shop



Rosemary Campbell Contact No. 0438123041.

President of SVDP Conference.

**November Masses**

Names of deceased loved ones can be written in the Prayer Book which will be placed by the cross for the month of November. Names can be added throughout the month. Masses throughout November will be offered for the repose of their souls. Envelopes are available if you wish to make an offering.

**Fundraising Committee**

We are preparing a fundraising campaign to raise money for new carpets in the church. If you would like to be on this committee please see Fr Dispin or Deacon Phil.

**New to the Parish?**

Please fill out a parish census card available in the Narthex and return to the office. Also you might like to consider participating in the Stewardship Program—forms available.

### Lifting of General Dispensation

This week, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli [released a pastoral letter to the Church in Melbourne](#) called 'Welcome Home'. Reflecting on the sadness of being unable to gather physically in our communities during the pandemic, he pointed us towards Jesus Christ, 'the Word who became flesh' and who 'left for us his sacramental presence'. This bodily reality at the centre of our communities draws us in and binds us together. In light of this, the Archbishop announced that the time has come for us to return home. **As of the 1st Sunday of Advent, 27 November 2022, the general dispensation from our Sunday and Holy Day obligations will be lifted.** A link to the letter is also on the website.

### Our Lady's Table Tennis

Feel like a game of table tennis? Come along by yourself or bring a friend or two and join in the fun on Monday 10-12 in the Parish Hall. Wear appropriate footwear and bring your vaccine certificate. We provide equipment and a cuppa. You give us \$3 and energy. New players welcome.

### Expired Working With Children Check

You do need a current WWCC to conduct any volunteer work in the parish. Please check your Working With Children... it may need to be renewed. If you are having difficulty renewing it online, you're welcome to come to the office and Janine can assist you.

### 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.

### St V De Paul—Piety Stall

How fast is the year passing? Time to think of Christmas and 2023. Now available for purchase:  
2023 Columban Calendars—\$10.00  
Divine Mercy Calendars—\$14.00  
Christmas cards—Price to be advised.

### Flood Appeal

Contributions can be made by:  
1. Calling 13 18 12  
2. visit <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vicflood-appeal-2022>  
3. via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by

these recent floods.

We pray for all who are impacted by the floods as well as the volunteers and emergency workers assisting them in their needs at this challenging time.

### Red Wednesday

*Red Wednesday* is an initiative of the papal charity, *Aid to the Church in Need* dedicated to providing material and spiritual support to the persecuted Church. Two-thirds of the world's population live in countries where there are serious violations of religious freedom. We hear more stories of people bearing witness to their faith in horrific circumstances. Many of those families have found refuge and a new home in our city and surrounds. For further information: [www.aidtochurch.org/RedWednesday](http://www.aidtochurch.org/RedWednesday)

### PRAYER LINE MINISTRY @ OUR LADY'S

"Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people." Ephesians 6:18

"Pray for one another, that you may be healed" (James 5:16).

For prayer requests, please call Loredana 0423 313 336 or contact the Parish Office.



### The same problem happens again and again.

Are we tired of experiencing the same problem over and over again? Have we ever felt like God is teaching us something through a recurrent situation? Well, it could be true indeed.

Sometimes, God allows us to go through the same situation several times to help us learn a lesson. It is possible that we have been committing the same mistakes, and we are not changing our response to a similar situation. When this happens again, be more sensitive to God's leading. Ask Him wisdom on how we can improve our approach to such recurring concerns.

### OLPH GAMES AFTERNOON!

**First Sunday of every month—Dec 4**

**1:30 – 4:00pm**

Meet in the Narthex for some games of cards, checkers, board games etc.

All ages Welcome—Make it a family event

**Bring a small plate to share for**



### Stewardship Corner

"...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light."  
Colossians 1:12

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or we spend most of our time trying to acquire more stuff. Instead, try putting God first in all things. We were made for God. Open your heart and let Him in!

### 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.

### Parish Meetings

Parish Pastoral Council: First Wednesday of Month  
Parish Finance Council:  
Safeguarding Committee: Third Wednesday of Month

### St Vincent de Paul

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

#### Piety Stall Opened:

After 5:00pm Mass Saturday night and after 9:30 am Mass Sunday.

Before and after the Zomi and Filipino Masses held on 4th Sunday of the Month.

If we do not have what you are looking for, please advise, we are more than happy to order requests.

## 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)

### Weekday Masses

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

### Weekend Mass Times

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

## Imaginative Prayer Advent Retreat

Are you looking to deepen your understanding of  
Scripture this Advent season?

Join in a *full-day Advent Retreat*, exploring how the practice of Imaginative Prayer could deepen your understanding of Scripture and strengthen your relationship with the Lord.

Where: **Coghlan Centre @ St John's, Mitcham**

When: **Saturday 26th November**

Time: **9.30am - 4pm**

Cost: **\$30**

(\$20 for Seniors or Concession)

Cost includes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

Places are limited

Scan the QR code below to book your place  
or call the Parish Office on **(03) 94016366**



Facilitated by author, religious educator,  
and fellow St John's parishioner  
**Carlie Anderson**

[imaginewithscripture.com](http://imaginewithscripture.com)



### Need something to read?

#### Visit HOUSE OF BOOKS—Mitcham

The House of Books is open: Monday—Friday  
10am - 4pm Saturday 10am-1pm Closed Sundays  
& Public Holidays.

### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION – “Come and See”

Consistent meditation is known to help with everything from raised blood pressure to depression; even practised occasionally, it helps calm our busy minds. If you are interested in deepening your spirituality, or want to strengthen your connection to God, you can benefit from meditation – even if you are new to it. Put it in your diary now! Our next meditation gathering will be on Monday evening, 28th November at 7.30pm. We gather fortnightly. No experience needed. Free of charge. All welcome. All enquiries Chris Ryan at the Parish Office, 9401 6366.