



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood

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First Sunday of Advent 27 November 2022—Year A

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

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

First Thursday of the Month 11:00

Anointing & Healing Mass

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

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The Four Themes of Advent

First Sunday of Advent: Hope

Hope doesn't come from nowhere. The hope of God's people in the Bible comes from the fact that God made them specific promises: of peace, of an eternal kingdom to be established by the Messiah, of a creation finally healed and at rest. So the readings for this week focus especially on God's promises. Becoming acquainted with these promises is a good first step in coming to a deeper knowledge of who God is.

Lord God,
only you can see into my heart and know
that under all the busy-ness of my life,
there is a deep longing
to make this Advent one that welcomes you
more deeply into my own life.

My heart desires the warmth of your love
and my mind searches for your Light
in the midst of the darkness.

Help me to be a peacemaker this Advent
and to give special love to those
who disagree with me.

Give me the strength and courage
to forgive those who have hurt me.
Help me to free my heart
from the prison of my anger and hurt.



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

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Readings Next Week Second Sunday of Advent

Is 11:1-10

Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Rom 15:4-9

Mt 3:1-12

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 26/27

Lectors

Saturday 5:00 pm	Jennifer Tolcher Matt Giuliano
Sunday 9:30 am	Lyn Crane Jim Fuller

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

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

Music Ministry

Saturday 5:00 pm	Laptop: Maureen Platt
Sunday 9:30 am	Our Lady's Singers Laptop: Bob Munro

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.
God bless Loredana

Parish Catechist- Kaye Clancy

For sacramental preparations for those not attending the Parish School, please contact Kaye via email 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.

December 4 (Team 3)



Anointing & Healing Mass—8th December

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

Advent Penitential Celebrations—Tuesday 13 December

6:00pm—Our Lady's

7:30pm—St John's

Advent Reflection Groups

The group will meet each Tuesday at 10:00am in the parish meeting room. 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.



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.

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.

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.

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.

Immaculata Mission School 2023 in Armidale NSW

Young people aged 15-35 are invited to spend the first 10 days of 2023 going deeper in faith at the Immaculata Mission School! The program includes talks on the faith, praise & worship, daily Mass, Adoration & the Rosary, fun, community & friendship. This is an awesome opportunity to hear more about our Catholic faith through speakers such as special guest Fr Drake McCalister who will be joining us from Franciscan University Steubenville in Ohio, USA. From the 5th-10th January it's open to those over 35 and families. Come and join us for an amazing time to grow in faith, and love for God and make new friends!

When: 1-10th January 2023 (over 35s & family program 5-10th)

Where: NEGS (New England Girls' School), Armidale NSW

Who: Young people aged 15-35, families and those over 35

Cost: \$490 - includes accommodation, food, speakers, talks and activities. **For family rates, additional information and TO**

REGISTER visit: <http://www.sistersoftheimmaculata.org.au/ims>

Volunteer Opportunity Assisting Refugee Students

Mercy Connect Melbourne is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for 4 school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. A Training Day for new volunteers with emphasis on Child Safeguarding will take place prior to commencement in 2023. Email: somml@bigpond.com (preferred for contact) Tel: 9326 1895

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.

Christmas Mass Times



Christmas Eve 24 Dec

Our Lady's Ringwood **St John's Mitcham**

5:00 pm

4:30 pm

8:00 pm

6:00 pm

8:30 pm

11:00pm

Christmas Day 25 December

Our Lady's Ringwood **St John's Mitcham**

9:30 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

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.

My hidden Lord Jesus, I love You and thank You with profound gratitude for uniting Yourself with fallen humanity. When You first entered into this world, you remained hidden for nine months in the immaculate womb of Your Blessed Mother. She carried You, body and blood, soul and divinity, within the sanctuary of her body. She also carried You within her heart as a result of her perfect love for You and her perfect obedience to the will of the Father.

Come, Lord Jesus,
Come, Lord Jesus,
Come, Lord Jesus!
Amen.

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 afternoon tea.



Stewardship Corner

“Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.” Matthew 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and you begin to see God’s active presence in your life. You grow in gratitude, each day, for all that we have been given.

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

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

Weekday Masses

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

Weekend Mass Times

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

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.

St Agnes died for her Christian faith in a Vietnamese prison in 1841. She was 40 years of age and a mother of six children. During the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries there were 53 official decrees in Viet Nam that launched one persecution of Christians after another, each one more savage than the last. Over the whole territory of Vietnam about 130,000 Christians were killed in these persecutions.

117 of these heroes (those whose sufferings were cruellest and best documented) were canonized by Pope John Paul II on 19 June 1988. St Agnes is the only woman in the group. Our Altar at Our Lady’s Church contains a relic of St Agnes (a piece of bone) and her feast day is 24 November.

There are now about 6 million Catholics in Vietnam, some 10% of the population. And we have much to be grateful for when we see the vigour and vitality that the Vietnamese people have brought to the Church here in Melbourne.

