



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood

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The Ascension of the Lord (Year A)

17 May 2026

Parish Information

Parish Priest

Fr Dispin John

Assisted by

Fr Michael Kelly CSsR

Fr Len Size (retired)

Fr Maurie Cooney (retired)

Parish Catechist

Trish Chaston

Pastoral Care Worker

Loredana Iacobucci

Parish Secretary

Janine Meades

Office hours

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

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Week Day Masses

Tuesday 6:00p.m. Mass and Novena

Thursday 9:15 a.m.

First Thursday—Healing Mass

Confessions

Thursday 9:45 a.m.

Baptism

Please contact the office.

Weddings

Please contact the office.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help School

Principal: Jenny Rohan

admin@olringwood.catholic.edu.au

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GUIDING AND PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN

"There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children."

~ Nelson Mandela ~

A safe and caring environment is something every child deserves.

Children should be able to grow up feeling protected, respected and loved, without fear of harm or neglect. It is the responsibility of all adults – parents, teachers, relatives, neighbours and the wider community, to help provide this sense of security.

Caring for children means paying attention to their needs, listening when they speak and responding with patience and understanding. It also means standing up for them when they are vulnerable and making sure they know they are not alone. Words of encouragement, comfort during difficult times and ongoing support can have a lasting influence on a child's life. A key part of this is helping them make responsible choices and understand that their actions have consequences.

Protecting our children is not just about keeping them safe from harm, it's about helping them reach their potential. Children learn from the adults around them. When they are surrounded by kindness, encouragement and respect, they are more likely to become confident and compassionate individuals.

Creating an environment where children feel secure and valued is one of the most important duties we share. By working together as families and communities, we can help every child grow with hope, confidence and a sense of belonging.



Dear God, please watch over every child and keep them safe in Your care.

Help us to treat them with kindness, patience and understanding, and to be a positive example in their lives. Amen.

Sourced from www.majellan.media

The Parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Ringwood is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Parish Ministries

May 16/17
Saturday 5:00

Lectors: Maria Cruz, Noah Berketa

Eucharist: Margaret Ryan, Kate & Andy Coombs

Music: Christian Gunawan **Laptop:** Maureen Platt

Sunday 9:30

Lectors: Angela Lacey, Kerry Peterson

Eucharist: Paula & Jim Corcoran, Rob Zaar

Music: Christian Gunawan

Laptop: Jos Vandersman

Children's Liturgy: Tess Repalust

Morning Tea: Glynis Misquitta & Christine O'Leary

May 23/24

Saturday 5:00

Lectors: Matt Giuliano, Jennifer Tolcher

Eucharist: Cheryl Tay, Margaret Roper,
Jayke Beckwith

Music: Guitar Group **Laptop:** Elsa Castellino

Sunday 9:30

Lectors: Jim Fuller, Samantha David

Eucharist: Tess Repalust, Evelyn Randrup,
Breedea Cleary

Music: Our Lady's Singers **Laptop:** Danae Villani

Children's Liturgy: Ingrid Scott

Morning Tea: Joyce Dean & Sarah

Flowers

Week 1 & 2—Elizabeth & Regina (Polish Community)

Week 3—Jasmine

Week 4—Tung and Friends

Week 5—Glynis & Pol (Filipino Community)

May linen: —

Link for Readings of the Day

<https://universalis.com/australia.melbourne/20240301/mass.htm>

Parish Sacramental Program

For those not attending the Parish School, email
trish.chaston@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—June 7

Polish Mass 8:00am

4th Sunday of the Month—April 26

Zomi Community Mass 2:00pm

Filipino Mass 5:00pm

Please pray...

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



For those who have died recently:

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Rohan de Silva, Oscar Estrada, Ellen Hanley, Leo and Barbara Mioni

Scripture Readings Next Weekend

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11

Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34

1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

Jn 20:19-23



Fresh from her appearance on Season 2 of ABC TV's "The Piano", our very talented parishioner Alys Cavanagh is presenting an evening of story and song.

You are invited to join us on Monday 25th May at 6.30pm in Our Lady's Church where Alys will play music for us, interspersed with some of her story of encounter with Jesus on a journey through complex mental illness.

The cost is \$20 (cash or eftpos on the night) which Alys is donating to the Parish Building Fund (thank you, Alys!) and drinks and supper will be provided afterwards. We hope that you can make this very special event.

TIME OUT

Thank you every one for supporting our lavender bag sale on Mother's Day. \$360 will be given to the parish.



May Mass Counts

For this weekend's Mass count, the archdiocese has asked that the number of females and males attending be noted.

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. We provide equipment and a cuppa. You give us \$3 and energy. New players welcome.

Thank you from CatholicCare Victoria

CatholicCare Victoria is deeply grateful for the support of our parish during last week's CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. The generosity of our parish community means that CatholicCare Victoria can continue their mission; to empower communities and building strength and resilience, to enable everyone to reach their full potential and live life to the full. Your compassion and generosity ensure individuals and families are supported with safe housing, practical assistance, and compassionate care as they rebuild their lives. Thank you for helping open the door to safety, dignity and hope. For more information about CatholicCare Victoria, please visit: www.catholiccarevic.org.au
Collection totalled \$791.30

Commissioning of New Volunteers

Following on from the successful Volunteer Expo, new 'recruits' will be commissioned at next weekend's masses.

Child Safety

The Child Safety Officers identified by a name tag should be the 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.**

Safeguarding Compliance for Volunteers—UPDATE

Last week emails were sent to people needing to update Working With Children Checks. Thank you for your response. **If you are unsure why you received the email please contact the office.** In the next week or two you will receive a reminder to sign the Code of Conduct and complete the online training. Our aim is to have full compliance by the end of June.



This year marks 100 years of World Mission Day, a time in which the global Church celebrates God's mission through prayer and generosity.

Today, that mission continues in places like Malawi, where communities are rebuilding after devastating floods and families are striving to create a future for their children.

In the coming weeks, we will share how the Church is walking alongside these communities, and how you can be part of this living mission of love.

To learn more about Catholic Mission and our work, please go to catholicmission.org.au/united.

Free call: 1800 257 298
catholicmission.org.au/united

Morning Tea

Why not stay awhile after 9:30 Mass for a cuppa and find someone you haven't met yet? A good way to grow

Outreach Pastoral Care Ministry

If you or someone you know would like to have a chat or a visit, please call Loredana on 0423 313 336 or e-mail loredana.iacobucci@cam.org.au.

Synod Corner Synodality is about mission



The purpose of synodality is not internal reform for its own sake. Its goal is evangelisation—helping the Church become more faithful, more welcoming, and more effective in proclaiming the Gospel to today's world.

Time Out Gathering -15 April

A great opportunity for older members of the parish to get together.

We meet and share a lunch in the narthex at 12 noon on the 3rd Wednesday of the month

On the 1st Wed. we gather to Dine Out at a local venue. (contact Alan/ Maree 0467 683 051)

Morning melodies (Contact Barbara Cosgriff 0412 522 865)

More information call Lyn Bolton 0478787480 or Margaret O'Loughlin 0400 984 647

National
Volunteer
YOUR YEAR TO VOLUNTEER Week

18-24 MAY 2026

#NVW2026

Our Lady's
Netball Club

FREE TRAINING
UNDER 9S

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS

4pm - 5pm
HE Parker, Heathmont

We are looking for boys & girls aged 6-8 to join our U9 program in Season 2026. Come along and join our Wednesday afternoon training sessions from 4pm-5pm.

More information:
Fran 0414 326 622
ourlady'snc@gmail.com

CALL
NOW!

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DISCIPLES
OF JESUS
LIVING FAITH COMMUNITY

Join us to celebrate



A solemn charismatic Pentecost Mass

Saturday 23rd May 2026

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Ringwood

7:00pm Rosary, 7:30pm Mass followed by worship
Please bring a plate to share for supper afterwards!

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri People as the traditional custodians of this land and pay respects to their Elders. We acknowledge that this land continues to be sacred to them.

Stewardship Corner

"I am praying for them..." JOHN 17:9

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation - not just our last resort. Pray for friends and family, and especially for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you. Teach others how to pray. It has been said that teaching someone how to pray is the best gift you can give someone.

<https://resources.archstl.org/article/717499/weekly-bible-reflections>

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your
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Supporting the Parish/Church Donate using:

Direct credit/debit
QR Code above
Envelopes placed in collection
Tap and Go Machines

Supporting the Priest/Presbytery

Loose cash in the collection.
Direct Debit /credit card
Direct deposit: Account name: St Johns Presbytery Account
BSB 083347 ACCT NO. 459 634 437

St Vincent de Paul Piety Stall CASH ONLY—Sorry.

The piety stall has available items for Sacraments: **stoles, cards, gifts.** **Opened:** After 5:00pm Mass Saturday and 9:30 am Mass Sunday. For welfare enquiries please call Vinnies on 1800 305 330 Mon-Fri 10am –3pm

ST VINCENT de PAUL

RINGWOOD CONFERENCE DONATION OPTION

If you wish to donate directly, our Bank Account details are:
A/C Name: SVDP Vic-Conf Gift Account
BSB: 063003 A/C No: 10081787 Ref: Ringwood Conf 447
behalf of the Conference thank you for your donation.

Parish Meetings

Parish Pastoral Council: First Wednesday of Month
Parish Finance Council:
Safeguarding Committee: 7:30pm
Time Out: Third Wednesday of Month 12 noon

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

Venue hire— St Johns

Call Manuela at St John's Parish Office for more information. <https://stjohnsmitcham.com.au/venue-hire>

ST JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP ✨

1st Sunday of Every Month 5PM–8PM

We start at **5PM Mass** then head to the Zebedee Room

📺 Pizza, 💬 Real conversations, 📖 Bible reflections
(Sunday readings) 🎮 Games + good vibes

A place to belong. A place to grow. A place to have fun.

Bring a friend & come through!

For more info please contact the Parish Office at
9401 6366 or mitcham@cam.org.au

Journey through loss—2nd Wednesday of the Month

When we lose a loved one, the emotions can be overwhelming, grieving can take many forms. Our friendly and informal gathering gives an opportunity to support each other as we journey through grief and loss. Please join us: Every second Wednesday of the month at 10:30am St John's Parish Office. *Gold coin* donation welcome.

House of Books

Monday—Friday 10am - 4pm Saturday 10am-1pm

Closed Sundays & Public Holidays.

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.

RCIA – St John's and Our Lady's A Journey in Faith

Find out about this journey of faith and discovery. See what the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program can offer you.

Do you ever ponder:

Who is Jesus?

Why a Church?

What do you seek?

The Parish RCIA program will commence mid October. If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about the program please contact the Office on 9401 6366 email: mitcham@cam.org.au.