



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

2 August 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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THE BEAUTY OF FRIENDSHIP

"There is nothing on this earth more to be prized than true friendship."

~ Thomas Aquinas ~

F — Friendship

A special gift that brings people together and adds warmth, joy and richness to our lives.

R — Respect

Accepting each other as we are and appreciating the differences that make every friendship special.

I — Inspiration

The way friends bring out the best in us and remind us of what we are capable of

E — Encouragement

The kind words and reassurance that help us keep going when life is not easy.

N — Nurturing

The effort we make to help friendships grow and flourish.

D — Dependability

The trust we feel when we know we can count on a friend.

S — Smiles

The laughter, happy memories and moments that make life more enjoyable.

H — Heartfelt

The genuine care and affection that make friendships meaningful.

I — Influence

The positive impact friends have on our lives and the people we become.

P — Precious

Recognising that friendship is a gift to appreciate and cherish.



Dear God, thank You for the friends who bring comfort, laughter and happiness into our lives.

Help us to value each friendship, to show patience and understanding, and to always treat others with love and respect.

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

August 1/2

Saturday 5:00

Lectors: Prudence Graf, Brian Dubois

Eucharist: Jennifer & Martin de Korte,
Brian Du Bois

Laptop: Matt Giuliano

Sunday 9:30

Lectors: Frances Cassidy, Marianne Magsalin.

Eucharist: Glynis Misquita, Bob Munro, Shiny Kurian

Music: Christian Gunawan

Laptop: Jos Vandersman

Children's Liturgy: Jennifer Tolcher

Morning Tea: Danae & Rod Allison

August 8/9

Saturday 5:00

Lectors: Brian Du Bois, Christian Gunawan

Eucharist: Angela Truillo, Frances Cassidy,
Carmel Risson

Music: Rohan Smith **Laptop:** Maureen Platt

Sunday 9:30

Lectors: Evelyn Randrup, Emily Thomas

Eucharist: Breeda Cleary, Shiny Kurian,
Samantha David

Music: Our Lady's Singers

Laptop: Bob Munro

Morning Tea: PJ & Mel Gigli

Flowers

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

Week 3—Jasmine

Week 4 —Tung and Friends

Week 5—Glynis & Pol (Filipino Community)

Linen: August Frances Cassidy

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.

Community Masses

Polish Mass 8:00am—**July 26** (No mass August)

Zomi Community Mass 2:00pm—**July 19**

Filipino Mass 5:00pm —**July 26**

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 memories are sacred to us: Rohan De Silva

Fr Dispin will be away for the month of August to spend time with his mother in India. Fr Maurie Cooney and Fr Michael Kelly will be servicing the parish while he is away, therefore weekend masses and weekday masses will continue as normal.

Children's Liturgy

It's great to see so many children attending Children's Liturgy each Sunday. Please remember this is for school aged children. **Please note there will be no Children's Liturgy next Sunday.**

Confirmation Candidates Presentations

Following the 5:00pm Mass, some of the Parish Confirmation students will be presenting their Act of Service. This presentation is a culmination of the work these students have undertaken this year as part of their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. I encourage parishioners to engage with the candidates so they can share their experience and give the parishioners the opportunity to encourage the candidate in this next step in their faith journey. The Confirmation theme this year has been: "Love One Another As I have Loved You".

Archbishop's Campaign

The Archbishop's Campaign will commence next weekend. I invite you to reflect on what a vibrant faith community means for you and your family, and to consider making a personal, recurring monthly gift in support of the vital ministries that serve our Archdiocese. From next week, you will notice campaign materials throughout the parish, including posters, envelopes with tear-off pledge cards, a banner on our website, and content across our social media channels. Further information will be shared in the coming weeks; in the meantime, I encourage you to begin prayerfully discerning your support. Collections will take place on the weekends of 15/16 & 22/23

Shape the Future: Be Counted as Catholic this Census

Australia's national Census will be held on 11 August 2026. Catholics are encouraged to mark "Catholic" in the question on religion. In a time when some would seek to diminish the importance of faith, it is vital that the Catholic community be represented in our national statistics. Census data supports Church pastoral planning and contributes to government decision-making on health, education, infrastructure, and social services – guiding resource and funding allocations across Australia. By identifying as Catholic, you can help ensure that the contribution and needs of faith communities are properly recognised and considered in future planning and policy decisions.

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.

National Vocations Awareness Week: 2-9 August 2026

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

ENROLMENTS are now OPEN for Our Lady's School

HAVE YOU ENROLLED YOUR CHILD FOR PREP 2027?

If you have a child ready for Prep 2027, we encourage you to: **ENROL NOW: click on this link** <https://www.olringwood.catholic.edu.au/apply-now/> Please share this link with your friends and families to embrace the beautiful culture of Our Lady's in Ringwood.

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.**

You are invited to: *Acts of the Apostles Scripture Study* **Part Two: Chapters 15-28**

The Acts of the Apostles, Part Two (15:36–28:31) continues the story of the early church as it spreads the Gospel across the Roman Empire. Paul, a model of courage and missionary spirit, becomes our primary guide as we read of his long and at times perilous missionary journeys.

Beginning Tuesday August 4th for four weeks

Mornings: 10.30am – 12.00pm St John's Church Chapel

Evenings: 7.30 – 9pm Home in Patrick Court, Mitcham

This study is self-contained and does not presume you studied "Part One".

Newcomers, especially Bible 'beginners', are welcome. Personal study between sessions (1-2 hours) Weekly group meeting and discussion' Wrap-up video lecture that develops and clarifies the themes of the session

Cost: \$30 for the course book **Facilitator:** Lorraine McCarthy

More information and registration: Email: lorraine613@bigpond.com

Link: <https://forms.gle/ZdZzpfv1s1FpLSMo7>

Scripture Readings Next Weekend 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:9, 11-13

Ps 84:9-14

Rom 9:1-5

Mt 14:22-33

Daily Readings

There is a link on the parish website to the Readings of the Day. It can be found using the dropdown menu under Services tab located in the top right hand corner.

<https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/ringwood>

Outreach Pastoral Care Ministry

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

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 our community.



Synod Corner

Synodality and the Eucharist



The Eucharist is the heart of synodality. Around one table, many are gathered as one Body. What we celebrate sacramentally must shape how we live communally.

Time Out Gathering

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

Bookshelf in the Narthex

It's good to see people borrowing books from, and donating books to, the bookshelf in the Narthex. If you are donating books, please remember they must be Christian books.

If you wish to donate any other kind of books, please hold on to them until our fete in October.



Stewardship Corner

"Jesus said to them, 'There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves'." - MATTHEW 14:16

This is what Jesus said right before he fed the five thousand men. How often do we really place our trust in Jesus when the situation looks grim? With Jesus, no gift is too small or insignificant when offered with love. But, we have to do our part. We should trust that Jesus will provide all that we need. We need to believe that Jesus has a better plan in store for us.

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

Supporting the Parish/Church Donate using:

Direct credit/debit

QR Code

Click [HERE](#)

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

Parish Meetings

Parish Pastoral Council: First Wednesday of Month

Parish Finance Council:

Safeguarding Committee: 7:30pm

Time Out: Third Wednesday of Month 12 noon

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.

St Vincent de Paul

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

The piety stall has available items for Sacraments: stoles, cards, gifts.

Opened: After 5:00pm 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. Please note we will no longer be opened on the afternoon of the fourth Sunday of the month.

CASH ONLY—Sorry.

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

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.

ST JOHN'S PARISH'S International Soirée

Join us for an evening of international music and songs. Share dinner with friends before the concert, then sit back and be entertained by performances from our parish family and special invited guests. This concert supports our parish maintenance fund for an assured warm reception during winters!

Friday 11 September Coghlan Centre

Dinner - 6pm, Concert - 7pm

Cost - \$30 dinner and concert.

Children 12 and under Free.

Tell your friends and family. Everyone is welcome to this special event. Seats are limited. Book now!

RSVP by 7 September:

Parish Office 9401 6366 or mitcham@cam.org.au

Trybooking click [here](#)



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