



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood

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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

20 September 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

2 Wilana Street, Ringwood

98707227



Heavenly Father, I come before you with a heart filled with a desire to serve and uplift our community. You have called us to love our neighbours as ourselves and to be instruments of your peace and compassion in the world.

Grant us wisdom and discernment as we seek to serve others. Help us to see beyond outward appearances and to recognize the dignity and worth of every person we encounter. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, empowering us to be your hands and feet in the world, bringing hope and healing wherever we go.

We lift up our community into your loving hands, praying for its well-being and prosperity. Help us to be agents of positive change, working together to build a community where all are valued, respected, and cared for.

Lord, I ask for your blessing upon our efforts to serve others. May our actions be guided by your love and motivated by a genuine desire to make a difference in the lives of those around us.

In your name, God, we pray for service to the community. May our hands be your hands, our feet be your feet, and our hearts be your hearts as we seek to serve others in your name. Amen.

Source: Prayer for Service to the Community, Common Good Magazine

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

September 19/20

Saturday 5:00

Lectors: Maria Cruz, Noah Berketa

Eucharist: Margaret Ryan, Brian Du Bois, Volunteer

Music: Alys Cavanagh

Laptop: Joshua Berketa

Sunday 9:30

Lectors: Angela Lacey, Kerry Peterson

Eucharist: Paula & Jim Corcoran, Rob Zaar

Music: Christian Gunawan

Laptop: Jos Vandersman

Morning Tea: Glynis Misquitta & Christine O'Leary

Vacuuming: Jerome Naiht

September 26/27

5:00

Lectors: Matt Giuliano, Jennifer Tolcher

Eucharist: Cheryl Tay, Brian DuBois

Music: Christian Gunawan

Laptop: Matt Giuliano

Sunday 9:30

Lectors: Jim Fuller, Samantha David

Eucharist: Tess Repalust, Evelyn Randrup,
Breeda Cleary

Music: Our Lady's Singers

Laptop: Danae Villani

Morning Tea: Joyce Dean & Sarah

Vacuuming: Vinnie

Flowers

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

Week 3— Jasmine

Week 4 — Tung and Friends

Week 5—Glynis & Pol (Filipino Community)

Linen: September—Marie Woodward

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—**October 4**

Zomi Community Mass 2:00pm—**September 27**

Filipino Mass 5:00pm —**September 27**

Please pray...

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



For those who have died recently:

For those whose memories are sacred to us:



Our Lady's Fete—Getting Involved

There are many fun ways to get involved or help:

- Pre-loved clothes only: please start sorting through your wardrobes! - Donations will be accepted at the school office or church next term
- Pre-loved Books: we'll be accepting donations (see notice below)
- We would love to hear from anyone who can volunteer to help at the fete: set up, pack up or on the day.
- If you're good with plants, please grow us some!
- Sponsors & Silent Auction Donations: Goods or services that people can bid for - please contact olringwoodfete@gmail.com

We will also be looking for people to:

- make cakes, baked goods and other home-made treats for the cake stall. Kits are now available in the narthex.
- bake scones for the Devonshire teas stall
- sell raffle tickets.

More info from school or parish office, or Midge Philips 0439218447

Fete Book Stall

Children's books, including Picture Books, Chapter Books, Teen Fiction and Young Adult fiction are our most popular books. Have your children outgrown their books?

Use the upcoming holidays to sort out their books. By all means keep their favourites as mementoes. But donate the rest to the Fete in the knowledge that other children will get to enjoy them as much as your kids did.

Please drop off your donations at Our Lady's school or the Parish office.



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.

Are your children in the playground after Mass?

Just a reminder to be respectful of our neighbours and ensure that the children are not banging on the fences annoying the dogs, or throwing things over the fence which could hit the small children playing their backyard.

Road Closures

Be aware that during the school holidays, water mains renewal and road works in the area will cause road closures so detours will be in place. This will impact Bedford Road and Thomas Street. See maps on noticeboard.

Social Services Sunday: 20 September

This Sunday we give thanks for the thousands of staff and volunteers across Catholic social services who accompany people experiencing poverty, disadvantage and marginalisation throughout Victoria. As we celebrate Social Services Sunday, we recognise the need for encounter. Passion for connection and meeting others creates the kinship that is imperative in times of hardship and for building strong communities. Through these encounters, we recognise the dignity of every person and stand alongside those who may otherwise go unheard. Catholic social services put this call into practice every day through accompaniment, advocacy, and practical support. This Social Services Sunday, we are invited not only to give thanks for this work, but to consider our own contribution: Who is experiencing hardship around us? Who is already walking beside them? How might we strengthen and support that work?

Safeguarding Essentials Training

Volunteers are required to complete the **Safeguarding Essentials training and SCYP Code of Conduct every three years.**

The purpose of the Safeguarding Essentials training is to provide simplified and streamlined information for all Church personnel about safeguarding children, young people and adults at risk from abuse and harm. **Safeguarding is more than knowledge — it requires action.** By completing the training, Church personnel will understand their responsibilities and be better equipped to recognise, prevent and respond to child safety concerns within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne.

In-person training sessions

If you receive, an email advising that we have no record of your online training, or that your training has expired, you are invited to attend one of the following group sessions at **St John's Church on 21 October:**

11:00 am and 7:00 pm

Please book your attendance by contacting the Parish Office:

Phone: 9401 6366 **Email:** mitcham@cam.org.au

OR

Complete the training online

If you prefer to complete the training online, you can register for the **Safeguarding Essentials training** and sign the **Code of Conduct** here: <https://cam-parish.tribalhabits.com/accounts/register>

To register, you will need:

- An email address
- Your unique **Working with Children Check (WWCC) number** or **VIT ID number**

Registration token: enter the word **SAFEGUARDING** when prompted.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and welcoming environment for everyone in our parish community.

Outer Eastern Treaty Education & Solidarity Night, September 22nd 7pm

Registrations necessary. For more information or to register <https://events.humanitix.com/eastern-treaty-education-solidarity-night>

Scripture Readings Next Weekend 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:6-9

Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

Phil 1:20-24, 27

Mt 20:1-16

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

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 Scripture

From Abraham's journey to the disciples on the road to Emmaus, Scripture is full of stories of God walking with His people. Synodality places us within that biblical story.



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

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.**

Stewardship Corner

"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last". - MATTHEW 20:16

You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

<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: 18 November 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.

**COME & TRY**

FREE TRAINING - TERM 4!



WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS
HE Parker, Heathmont Road, Heathmont

Jump on court and join our training
program for FREE! Every Wednesday
throughout Term 4 (excluding 29 Oct).

4pm - 5pm: Under 9 - Under 15 players
5pm - 6pm: Under 17 players

CALL OR EMAIL TODAY!

MORE INFO:
☒ Fran: 0414 326 622
ourladyse@gmail.com

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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.