



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood

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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

23 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

2 Wilana Street, Ringwood

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INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY

"The youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow."

~ Nelson Mandela ~

International Youth Day is a chance to recognise young people and the important part they play in shaping our future.

Growing up today can bring many challenges. Young people face pressure at school and work, uncertainty about what lies ahead and the demands of an ever-changing world. Despite this, they bring fresh ideas, energy and a strong desire to make a difference.

Every young person has something valuable to offer. Finding the right path may take time, but along the way they discover more about themselves, what is important to them and what they want to achieve in life.

Young people also need encouragement. When we listen to them, believe in their abilities and give them opportunities to learn and grow, we help build their confidence and give them a sense of purpose and optimism.

On International Youth Day, let us celebrate the young people in our families, schools, workplaces and communities. May they have the courage to believe in themselves, learn from their experiences and use their talents to help create a better world for everyone.



Dear Lord, be close to young people as they make their way through life. Give them wisdom in the choices they make, strength when times are difficult and the support of those who care about them. Help them always know that they are loved and never alone. 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 22/23

Saturday 5:00

Lectors: Matt Giuliano, Jennifer Tolcher

Eucharist: Cheryl Tay, Jennifer de Korte

Music: Christian Gunawan

Laptop: Royal Castellino

Sunday 9:30

Lectors: Jim Fuller, Samantha David

Eucharist: Tess Repalust, Evelyn Randrup,
Breda Cleary

Music: Our Lady's Singers

Laptop: Danae Villani

Children's Liturgy: Ingrid Scott

Morning Tea: Joyce Dean & Sarah

Vacuuming: Vinnie

August 29/30

Saturday 5:00

Lectors: Andy & Kate Coombs

Eucharist: Frances Cassidy & Volunteers Please

Music: Guitar Group

Laptop: Elsa Castellino

Sunday 9:30

Lectors: Kathy Munro John Noronha

Eucharist: Volunteers Please

Music: Zomi Choir **Laptop:** Zomi Choir

Children's Liturgy: Jennifer Tolcher

Morning Tea: Prudence Graf

Vacuuming: Khan L Haw

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—**September 6**

Zomi Community Mass 2:00pm—**August 23**

Filipino Mass 5:00pm —**August 23**

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: Sylvia Perera, Celso Batallones, Guillermo Estrada

Focus on Ministry—Children's Liturgy

Leaders and assistants needed!

What you'll do:

- * Sit with the children
- * Help with the story/activity
- * Share smiles, patience and kindness.



Chat with a member of the team after Mass or contact the office



Congratulations to the children of the parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. Confirmation is a vital step in our faith journey. It completes our Baptism and seals us with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit—wisdom, understanding, right judgment, courage, knowledge, reverence, and wonder in God's presence.

Lost Property/Found Items

Occasionally there may be small items such as eyeglasses, earplugs etc left in the church. If found please hand to the Sacristan or Father who will place them in the basket provided. People will often call looking for their left items.

Archbishop's Campaign 2026

The 2026 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a one time or monthly pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Brochures with more information can be found around the church. Online (direct debit or credit card) donations are the most secure and preferred method of donating and can be made via the QR code. You can also donate via the supplied campaign envelopes or anonymously via cash directly into the extra collection during the campaign weekends. **Collections will take place this weekend 22/23**

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. No Table Tennis on August 31 as the hall will be set up for the school's Art Show.

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.**

Catholic Earthcare Season of Creation Gathering 2026

Caritas Australia and Catholic Religious Australia warmly invite you to participate in the Catholic Earthcare **Season of Creation Gathering 2026: Listen, Reflect, Act**, a national online event on **3–4 September 2026**.

The Gathering offers inspiring keynote presentations and practical workshops to help participants deepen their faith and respond to the call to care for our common home.

Parishioners can register individually for \$20.

Learn more and register: www.caritas.org.au/soc-gathering

Supporting the persecuted: Help rebuild a Cathedral in the Philippines

In 2017, Christians in the city of Marawi in the southern Philippines faced brutal persecution from Islamist militants. More than 800 people were killed and thousands of families were displaced. During the five months of violence, the Cathedral of St Mary was bombed, desecrated and destroyed.

Nine years on, there is a growing desire for healing and reconciliation. The poor and faithful people of Marawi have asked for our help to rebuild their beloved cathedral so they can once again gather, pray, and be witnesses of Christ in this Muslim-majority region.

To learn more or provide your support, please scan the QR code or visit: aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject

Thanks to generous supporters, every contribution during August will be doubled.



The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region. We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2027 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Mongolia.

Applications close October 31st, 2026. Send us an enquiry - www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au.

Prayer Service of Lament—4:00pm 15 September 2026

This Service, held in the grounds of St Patrick's Cathedral, is an occasion to humbly stand alongside those who have suffered abuse, and all who continue to carry its lasting effects.

Scripture Readings Next Weekend

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer :7-9

Ps 62:2-6, 8-9

Rom 12:1-2

Mt 16: 21-27

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 leadership



Leadership in a synodal Church is not about control but about service. Leaders create spaces where gifts can emerge and flourish.

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

"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?"

- ROMANS 11:35

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything - He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else's prayer.

<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.