



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood

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Second Sunday of Advent (Year A)

7 December 2025

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

Prepare a way
for the Lord,
make his path
straight.

Matthew 3:3

Please pray...

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

For those who have died recently:

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Readings next Week

3rd Sunday in Advent

Is 35:1-6, 10

Ps 145:6-10

5:7-10

Mt 11:2-11

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

December 6/7

Saturday 5:00

Lectors: Val Prendergast, Prudence Graf

Eucharist: Jennifer & Martin de Korte,
Brian Dubois

Music: Alys Cavanagh **Laptop:** Royal Castellino

Sunday 9:30

Lectors: Frances Cassidy, Maria Cruz

Eucharist: Jim Fuller, Bob Munro, Shiny Kurian

Music: Rohan Smith **Laptop:** Jos Vandersman

Children's Liturgy: Tess Repalust

Morning Tea: Danae & Rod Allison

December 13/14

Saturday 5:00

Lectors: Carla Jansen, Christian Gunawan

Eucharist: Carmel Risson, Frances Cassidy,
Glynis Misquitta

Music: Guitar Group **Laptop:** Joshua Berketa

Sunday 9:30

Lectors: Evelyn Randrup, Kate/Andy Coombs

Eucharist: Peter & Breeda Cleary, Shiny Kurian

Music: Our Lady's Singers

Laptop: Bob Munro

Children's Liturgy: Ingrid Scott

Morning Tea: Max Lennox & Evelyn Randrup

Linen: December—Pat Smith

Flowers

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

Week 3 & 4 — Margaret & Friend (Zomi Community)

Week 5—Glynis & Pol (Filipino Community)

Link for Readings of the Day

<https://universalis.com/>

australia.melbourne/20240301/mass.htm

1st Sunday of the Month—December 7 & 25

Polish Mass 8:00am

4th Sunday of the Month—December 21

Zomi Community Mass 2:00pm

Filipino Mass 5:00pm

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.

SVDP Christmas Appeal Dec. 2025

This weekend Nov. 22nd Nov. we will launch our SVDP Christmas Appeal.

Dear Parishioners,

We are kindly asking you to donate towards assisting many families in need. Our numbers so far have reached 70, and with your generosity and help this can be achieved.

The Christmas Gift Tree donations help to fill our hampers. Last year we could hardly keep up with the tags, you may take more than one.

Boxes for you to fill are also available this weekend.

Donations of the following would be greatly appreciated: Christmas cake, shortbread, plum pudding, tin of ham, tea or coffee etc.

There are 3 beautiful hampers to be raffled, plus wine included. Tickets are \$2. each. Each hamper has around the same value.

If you prefer to donate money to save you shopping we are more than happy to do that.

My thanks meantime. Blessings to you all.



Our Lady's Children's Liturgy welcomes all children to participate in the Gospel Nativity at Ringwood Christmas Eve 5pm mass. Please come dressed as Shepherds, Angels, or Wise Men.

If any primary or high school student wishes to read a prayer of the Faithful, please see Jennifer Tolcher prior to mass on the night in the narthex for those wishing to have a role in the mass.

Safeguarding Training

Just a reminder that all volunteers should complete the training module every 3 years. Please go to: www.safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org to complete training. If unsure if you need to do this contact the office and speak to Janine.

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. **Last game day for the year will be Monday December 15 and will resume Monday January 12**

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.

2025 Focolare Carols Night - Saturday, 13th December

Sausage sizzle 5:30pm, Carols: 7:30pm

Bring along: friends, family, singing voices, food to share for supper, cash or card for: entry donation, raffle and sausage sizzle.

Children are welcome to dress as angels, shepherds, etc. and join in the Nativity play.

For more info contact Alex 0493 862054 or Ingrid 0401 864388

The Australian Nativity Scene

Experience Australia's largest and most renowned traditional nativity scene, now in its 22nd year, on display at St Elizabeth's Parish, 107 Baker Road, Dandenong North. The Australian Nativity Scene (ANS) has become a beloved tradition, growing each year and gaining recognition as one of the best nativity scenes in the country. This display is free and open to all ages, providing a magical experience for families, parishioners and visitors alike. Wilson Fernandez, the designer, creator and artist behind this annual display, has crafted a scene that continues to captivate the community. Visitors from near and far arrive early to secure their spot to witness this beautiful Christmas tradition. The ANS display follows the story of the nativity, from Mary and Joseph's search for shelter to the birth of Jesus, the visit from the shepherds, the three kings, and ends with the holy family fleeing to Egypt.

Please note that the display will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

Viewing times: After Mass services and by appointment only



Renovation Fundraising Update

Donations are still trickling in with \$91539.00 raised.

Everyday Comfort Reflections

Words are, of course, the most powerful drug used by mankind.

~ Rudyard Kipling ~

Outreach Pastoral Care Ministry

If you or someone you know would like to have a chat, please don't hesitate to call me (Loredana) on 0423 313 336 or e-mail loredana.iacobucci@cam.org.au.

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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
On behalf of the Conference thank you for your donation.



ADVENT/CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE

Advent Penitential celebration

Tuesday 16th December

7pm – Our Lady's Ringwood

Wednesday 17th December

7pm – St John's Mitcham



Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve – Wednesday 24th December

4.30pm – St John's Mitcham

5.00pm – Our Lady's Ringwood

6.00pm – St John's Mitcham

8.00pm – Our Lady's Ringwood

8.30pm St John's Mitcham

11.00pm St John's Mitcham

Christmas Day - Thursday 25th December

8.30am St John's Mitcham

9.30am Our Lady's Ringwood

10.30am St John's Mitcham



TIME OUT—DON'T BE LONELY

Come and join our Time-out Group: a few laughs and good company. We meet on the 3rd Wednesdays of the month for luncheon/meeting at 12 noon in the Narthex. Bring a plate to share and a gold coin donation.

Also join us on:

The 1st Wednesdays: a dine out lunch at one of the eateries in the area. Phone Allan Jones or Maree to book on 98704831 or 046783051.

The 4th Wednesdays: "Morning Melodies" at the Dorset Gardens Hotel, Croydon. Meet at 10:00am in the Foyer. \$15 includes morning tea and the show. Contact Lyn Crane on 0438021143

There are two Book Clubs in the area held on the 1st Fridays: call Merle Smith on 98703517 for details.

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

"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." Matthew 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church or do you buy more things that go unused. Our time, talent, and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

<https://resources.archstl.org/article/359120/stewardship-bulletin-inserts>

Supporting the Parish

Through the Stewardship Program, parishioners are asked to pledge a regular 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.

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 the 'donate' page on the parish website and choose how you wish to support the parish.

If you would like to support our Parish via TAP and GO please use the terminals located in the narthex and in the church. All you need to do is to select the amount displayed and tap the terminal with your credit card / debit card / smart phone or smart watch—your contribution will go straight into our Church account.

Any loose cash contributes to the support of the Parish Priest.

If you would like to contribute to the support of our Priests here are the Bank details:

Account name: St Johns Presbytery Account
BSB 083347 ACCT NO. 459 634 437

to support our parish click
[HERE](#) or use the QR Code

Please choose where you
wish your
support to go.



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 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

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>

Journey through loss—December10

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.*

Share the Joy of Christmas

You are invited to the

Christmas Lunch

at St John's on Thursday 25th December at
12.30pm

If you are spending Christmas by yourself or if you simply want to share the joy of this day with other people please join us at the Christmas lunch that will be held at St John's in the Coghlan centre.

The food will be offered by the Parish and you are invited to bring a sweet plate that you normally love to eat at Christmas to share.

If anyone feels to give a donation for the lunch please contact the parish office and we thank you in advance for your generosity.

RSVP by **Tuesday 23rd December** at the Parish office by phone 9401 6366 or by email mitcham@cam.org.au



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.