



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

9 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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A LIFETIME OF LOVE

"The best thing to hold onto in life is each other."

~ Audrey Hepburn ~

Love is not something that arrives perfect and complete.
It grows and changes as we grow and change.

At the beginning, love is often filled with excitement and hope. It is the joy of discovering someone special, sharing dreams, making promises and believing that together you can face anything.

As time passes, love becomes deeper. It becomes a choice and a commitment. It is found in everyday moments – sharing responsibilities, working through difficulties, having honest conversations and choosing to remain together even when life is not easy.

Then love becomes more giving. It reaches beyond two people and embraces family, children and the many roles we take on in life. It is shown through quiet sacrifices, acts of kindness and caring for others without expecting recognition.

Over the years, love becomes gentler. It is found in patience, understanding and the comfort of knowing someone so well that even silence can be shared peacefully. It is the simple joy of being together and appreciating the little moments.

In the later chapters of life, love becomes something truly precious. It no longer needs grand gestures or many words. It is found in a loving touch, a familiar smile, a helping hand and the quiet presence of someone who has shared the journey with you.

Every stage of love teaches us something – how to open our hearts, how to remain committed and how to be better versions of ourselves.

Love is not just a single moment or feeling. It is something that grows stronger over time, and when we are blessed to share it across a lifetime, we discover a beautiful truth: Love does not disappear with the passing years. It matures, deepens and endures.



Lord, thank You for the people who bring love and meaning into our lives.

May we appreciate them, let them know they are loved and make the most of the time we have together. 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 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

Vacuuming: Frank Mount

August 15/16

Saturday 5:00

Lectors: Maria Cruz, Noah Berketa

Eucharist: Margaret Ryan, Kate & Andy Coombs

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

Children's Liturgy: Tess Repalust

Morning Tea: Glynis Misquitta & Christine O'Leary

Vacuuming: Jerome Naiht

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—(No mass August)

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: Brendan & Ann Conlon

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 this Sunday.**

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 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

National Vocations Awareness Week - Please pray for our priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our community. Please pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that the saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from our community.

Morning Tea

This Sunday we welcome the children and families of the Middle Level from our Parish School with an extra special morning tea.

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

Scripture Readings Next Weekend

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 56:1, 6-7

Ps 66:2-3, 5-6

Rom 11:13-15, 29-32

Mt 15:21-28

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.



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



Synod Corner

Why the Church is embracing synodality now



The call to synodality is a response to the signs of the times. In a fragmented world, God calls the Church to witness communion, dialogue, and hope.

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

"He said, 'Come.' Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus." - MATTHEW 14:29
When you hear Jesus calling, do you responded immediately and trust that He knows what He's doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say "yes" to Jesus, we feel the power of his presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has intended for you.

<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.