



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood

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Third Sunday of Lent (Year C)

23 March 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

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LIVING WITH HARMONY



"Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another,
be compassionate and humble."

~ 1 Peter 3:8 ~ Harmony isn't just found in quiet moments, it's in the way we live,
work and connect with others.

- It's in a group of friends, each with different opinions, finding joy in a shared conversation instead of arguing over who is right.
- It's in a family where everyone has their own way of doing things, yet they respect each other's space and choices.
- It's in a workplace where people lift each other up instead of competing, knowing that success is greater when shared.
- It's in nature, where the sun, the rain and the earth work together to bring life.
- It's in a simple smile that softens a difficult day.

Harmony doesn't mean everything is the same, it means everything finds its place and works together and when we choose understanding, patience and kindness, we help make that happen.

Dear God, the world can seem like it's full of arguments and division.

Please help us to bring harmony by choosing kindness instead of anger and compassion instead of judgment.

*May the way we live show Your love and bring hope and unity to those around us.
Amen.*

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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 anniversaries occur at this time:

Readings next Week

4th Sunday of Lent

Joshua 5: 9-12

Ps 33: 2-7

2 Cor 5: 17-21

Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32

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

March 22/23

Saturday 5:00

Lectors: Matt Giuliano, Jennifer Tolcher

Eucharist: Sian Giuliano, Margaret Roper,
Maureen Glennie

Music: Christian Gunawan –Organ

Laptop: Bob Munro

Sunday 9:30

Lectors: Jim Fuller, John Noronha

Eucharist: Tess Repalust, Evelyn Randrup,
Kath McCrae

Music: Our Lady's Singers

Laptop: Danae Villani

Children's Liturgy: Tess Repalust

Morning Tea: Team 4

March 29/30

Saturday 5:00

Lectors: Andy & Kate Coombs

Eucharist: Volunteers Please

Laptop: Royal Castellino

Sunday 9:30

Lectors: Kathy Munro John Noronha

Eucharist: Volunteers Please

Music: Zomi Choir

Laptop: Zomi Choir

Children's Liturgy: Ingrid Scott

Morning Tea:

Linen: March—Shiny Kuran

Flowers: Week 1 & 2—Polish Community
Week 3 & 4— Zomi Community

Link for Readings of the Day

[https://universalis.com/
australia.melbourne/20240301/mass.htm](https://universalis.com/australia.melbourne/20240301/mass.htm)

Children's Liturgy—Sunday 9:30am Mass

Each Sunday during the school term. All school age children are welcome to attend.

1st Sunday of the Month—March 2

Polish Mass 8:00am

4th Sunday of the Month—March 23

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

Have you picked up your New Thanksgiving Envelopes?

There are still a handful of the new sets of envelopes which cover March 2nd 2025—February 22nd 2026 needing to be collected from the narthex. As the numbers of sets ordered was reduced some people have received a new number. This has been recorded in our records. It would be a good idea to throw out ant older envelopes!

Working Bee

After 9.30 Sunday Mass on 30th March. Get ready!

Younger bodies (under 60) are needed to move screenings into the Memorial Garden. Bring a rake, or yard broom and **muscles** and the job will be done in no time.

Lenten Program 2025—A few copies left

Metanoia—the Lenten Program from the Wollongong Diocese is now available for \$9.00 from the Piety Stall.

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. Play occurs regardless of the weather.

Renovation Fundraising Update

Donations are still trickling in with \$80870.00 raised. (Contribute by Direct Debit to our **Repair and Maintenance Account: BSB 083 347 Account 534233044** use your surname in reference line OR Envelopes are available if you would like to contribute by cash/cheque.

40 HOUR ADORATION -

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 25 Orange Grove, Bayswater.
Thursday 27th March 7pm to Saturday 29th March 11am Mass.
All Welcome.

Child Safety

The Child Safety Officers, no longer wear the orange vests but can be identified by a name tag. They should be a 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.

Carer Connect Group

Are you a carer? Do you feel a bit overwhelmed at times? Maybe you might like to come along to the Carer Connect Group!

When: Every second Saturday of the month, 10:00-11:30 am

Where: 8a Surrey St, Ringwood

Who: For anyone in a caring role - whether you are a parent looking after a child with special needs, somebody caring for an elderly relative, a partner, or working in the caring professions.

What: A time to chat, share our wins and struggles, connect with God during a gentle meditation, and share our self care tips so you can carry on being the amazing carer you are! Call or message Alys on 0400896542 if you would like to come along.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival

Sunday 30 November—Tuesday 2 December

The Festival will be held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC). Group registration for the Festival will officially open in early May 2025. We are able to advise that indicative pricing will range from \$390–410 per person for the entire Festival with access to all areas and experiences. Groups will be responsible for all travel to/from the Festival as well as organising any accommodation needs. Meals from vendors at the venue will be available at additional cost.

More information on the parish website

LENT - A TIME OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

Next and last session held
by **Fr Maurie Cooney** in the **Coghlan centre**
on **Wednesday 26th March** from **7pm till 8.30pm**

Looking into some questions that participants have raised:

- People of faith in other religions?
- Place of prayer in our lives?
- What does our Church need in Priests and in us all?
- How can we restore confidence in our Church?
- Preparing for death: and what is resurrection?

All are welcome!

Share the Joy of the Risen Lord!

You are invited to the

Easter Lunch

at St John's
on Sunday 20 April at 12.30pm

If you are spending Easter by yourself or if you simply want to share the joy of the Risen Lord with other people please join us at the Easter 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 Easter 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 Thursday 17th April at the Parish office
by phone 9401 6366 or by email
mitcham@cam.org.au

Everyday Comfort Reflections



To put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Ephesians 4:22-24

Outreach Pastoral Care Ministry

Pastoral care is available @ Our Lady's, 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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Third Sunday of Lent
22nd and 23rd of March 2025

Lam is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Through the I-SHINE program Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. He now runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income.



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this Lent

Stewardship Corner

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" - Luke 13:7

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have, or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous; we are called to develop and nurture our gifts; and return them with increase. We are called to be generous with all of gifts; especially the one that means the most to you.

<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. Any loose cash contributes to the support of the Parish Priest. A percentage of the Presbytery collection is also required to be sent quarterly to the Archdiocese. 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.

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

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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>

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Come and pray the Stations of the Cross in the Church every Friday during Lent at 9.15am from 7th March.

Journey through loss—April 16

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.

Christian Meditation

We meditate fortnightly. You are most welcome to join us. Lockdown can sorely test our endurance and spirits. If you are interested in deepening your spirituality, or want to know what God wants of you at present, you must try this.

To indicate your interest or for any enquiries:
Chris Ryan, 9401 6366.

House of Books

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. The Bookshop is open from 10am to 4pm Monday to Friday and 10am to 1pm on Saturdays.