OUR LADY OF THE PINES CHURCH

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PARISH PRIEST: FR JERALD CECIL MARIADAS

Our Lady of the Pines Parish is a welcoming, inclusive community that aims to live our Christian faith by example in our daily lives.

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time 22nd and 23rd of February 2020-Year A

Confirmation .

Registration is now open for children who are in Grade 6 and above who have completed the sacraments of First Communion and Reconciliation and who are in Government Schools or Private schools that do not offer the sacraments. Classes commence on Thursday the 27th of February 2020.
For registration forms please go to our website, fill in the form and return to the Parish Office. Should you prefer one emailed to you , please call or email the parish office on donvale@cam.org.au
Registration closes on Wednesday the 26th of February 2020.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Parishioners are warmly invited to attend the Rite of Election at Saint Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 1st March at 2:30 pm.
The Rite of Election is a significant step in the RCIA journey when Vanessa, Anna and Claudia join with Catechumens and Candidates from throughout the Archdiocese to affirm their commitment in the presence of Archbishop Peter Comensoli to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter. Vanessa, Anna and Claudia's names will be inscribed in the Book of the Elect; henceforth they will be known as 'the Elect' - chosen by God to be Disciples and full Sacramental members of his church. Please Keep Vanessa, Claudia and Anna in your prayers.

2020 Car Raffle

This years Car Raffle tickets are now available for collection in the Foyer. Please pick up your set on your way out today.
If you have not received a set of tickets and would like to receive one, please let Steve Kay know via the parish office. This is one of our major fundraising events for the year and hope that you will support this raffle as best as you can. Thank you all for your support.

Lenten Program

For those who have already signed up and for those who would like to join the group, our Lenten Program – Be Opened , a journey for life begins on Tuesday the 25th of February at 10.00am in the Meeting Place.
This Lent and Easter, we are called to be opened to the fullness of life in God – to be opened to be led by the Holy Spirit, to listen, to the living water, to see, to believe, to new life. See you there.

Coronavirus

With the recent outbreak of the Coronavirus , we have all been asked to be mindful of contact with the community. If you are feeling unwell, please refrain from receiving Wine during Communion and shaking hands at the Sign of Peace. Thank You.

Ash Wednesday Mass

Ash Wed falls on the 26th Feb, and two masses will be held on this day. The day time service will be at 9. 00 am where we will be joined by the school, and an evening service at 7.30pm at St Peter and Paul's Church. Lenten regulations on fasting and abstinence is available on the notice board. Printed copies are also available in the foyer.

SUPPORTING MINISTRIES

Baptisms: Fourth Sunday of the month at 12.45 pm. Please phone Libby Coviello on 9841 8354 or email the Parish Office.
Funerals: Please contact the Parish Office.
Bereavement Support: Please contact Glenda Haswell on 9727 2101, Emmy Oakley on 9848 6781 or the Parish Office on 9841 8354.
Sacraments: Registrations for the 2020 Confirmation Sacramental programme is now open. Please see newsletter for details.
RCIA: For enquiries regarding becoming a Catholic, please contact Fr Jerald or phone Mary Ann Payne on 9842 6474.

We pray for Better Health: Brian Sullivan, Kath Potger, Alden Ong, Helen Hannay, Marlene Delzoppo, Margaret Yates, Lisa Dallow, Josephine Noli, Teresa Talia, Lina Borg, Judith Frood, Wendy Clohesy, Margaret Yates

Prayer for those Suffering Illness

Heavenly Father, we lift up all those who are currently facing illness, both physically and mentally. We ask that you bring healing, comfort and peace to them and their loved ones. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of your love. Amen.

WALKING WITH GOD IN NATURE:
Sat 14 March
ALONE AND ON FOOT:
Thurs 2, 9, 23 & 30 April &
14 May from 7:00 - 8:30pm

Learn different ways of praying with weekly guidance using a First Spiritual Exercises retreat of St Ignatius. You can pray this in your own time with guidance each week on Thursdays. This retreat brings our desires to light and into the presence of a personal God. It brings one's own life experience into this relationship using various prayer methods, such as imaginative contemplation. It takes one quickly and deeply into pray.
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MUSIC AT THE MONASTERY
SATURDAY
14TH MARCH 2020
HERE'S A CHANCE TO HELP THOSE AFFECTED BY RECENT BUSHFIRES
Music at the Monastery
14th March, 2020
Please come and join us at the Holy Cross Centre, Serpells Road, Templestowe for a night of music on the back lawn. Bring your own picnic, drinks, chair or rug. From 6 p.m. All funds raised will go towards Bushfire Relief. Please see flyer for **more details.**
FR. CHRIS, DOM & FRANK
"THE JOURNEYMEN" WILL be ENTERTAINING US
$20 SINGLE $30 FAMILY

PROJECT COMPASSION
GO FURTHER TOGETHER

Project Compassion Sunday – 23rd of February 2020

Project Compassion boxes will be available for collection from next weekend. The Lenten season themed "Go Further Together". As Teresa of Calcutta said, "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things, with great love." You will be helping empower our world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and share their strengths with their communities to lift themselves out of poverty. When we Go Further Together in love and compassion, the whole world thrives. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

WHEN: FRIDAY 20TH MARCH 7PM START

WHERE: OUR LADY OF THE PINES 77 CARBINE ST DONVALE

ONLY 18 YEARS AND OLDER
BYO FOOD & NIBBLES
DRINKS AT BAR PRICES
NO BYO DRINKS

TICKETS: $35 per person. Contact us to book
David Sowersby 0419311775
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World Day of Prayer

March 2020

Pray for Zimbabwe

Date: 6th March 2020

Location and Times of Services:

10am: Sts. Peter & Paul's Church, 23 Leeds Street, Doncaster East, VIC 3109

8pm: St Kevin's Church, 26 – 44 Herlihy's Road, Lower Templestowe VIC 3108

Everyone is welcome to attend.

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ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND
29th of February and 1st of March 2020

HOSPITALITY TEAMS
Mullane, Casey and Bonavia

READERS & COMMENTATORS
Sat 5.00 pm Margaret Hughes and Vanessa White
Sun 9.30 am Jo Ann Ng and Ross Stewart

ALTAR SERVERS
Sat 5.00 pm TBC
Sun 9.30 am TBC

CHILDREN'S LITURGY
Sun 9.30 am TBC

PROJECTOR OPERATORS
Sat 5.00pm James Beckford
Sun 9.30 am Joseph Chim

COUNTERS Geoff Mullane, David Sowersby, Anna Basa and Clarie Davies

LIBRARY Teresina Yung

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Office Hours: Mon 9.00 am to 1.00 pm
Wed 9.00 am to 5.00 pm
We can also be contacted at Ss Peter and Paul's Parish on Mon, Tue, Thurs and Fri, Tel: 9842 1480.

Year A – 1st Sunday of Lent
1st of March 2020.

GOSPEL

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away. 'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.' (Matthew 5:38–48)

DID YOU KNOW?

Points of interest and Catholic lore • 'An eye for an eye; a tooth for a tooth.' This notion of justice and retribution from the Old Testament is often misunderstood. Rather than a dire punishment aimed at vengeance, it is in fact a way of limiting retribution. In effect, Old Testament law on this point says that you may not extract more punishment than was inflicted. • In Jesus' time, a Roman soldier had the right to command any man to carry his kit one mile but no further. • Tax collectors were reviled by the Jews because they cooperated with the Romans and collected Roman taxes on their behalf. Because of their association with Gentiles, they were considered unclean.

EXPLORING THE WORD

This gospel continues the theme of going beyond what is required by law, but here Jesus takes the teaching much further. More than honouring the spirit of the law over the letter of the law, Jesus advocates what must have sounded like the ravings of a mad man to his hearers: don't just allow a person to strike you once; offer him the other cheek as well. If asked, don't just give away your tunic; give your cloak as well! Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. What was Jesus thinking?

Extract from 'The Summit Online".

MASS TIMES FOR PARTNER PARISHES OF OUR LADY OF THE PINES, DONVALE & SS PETER & PAUL'S, DONCASTER EAST

	OLOP	SSPP
Monday	No Mass	9.00am Communion Service
Tuesday	No Mass	9.00am Mass
Wednesday	**9.00am Ash Wednesday** Mass followed by Rosary	11.15am Ash Wednesday 7.30pm Ash Wednesday Mass
Thursday	No Mass	9.00am Mass
Friday	9.00am Mass followed by Rosary	9.00am Communion Service **7.30pm Stations of the Cross**
Saturday	5.00pm Vigil Mass	9.00am Mass 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.30am – Mass followed by Morning Tea 10.45 am - Rosary in the Chapel	8.00am and 11.15am Mass