



Palm Sunday

9th and 10th of April 2022

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PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS:

Tues: 9.00 am to 4.00 pm.

Wed: 9.00 am to 5.00 pm

We may also be contacted at Ss Peter and Paul Parish, on 9842 1480 on Monday, Thursday and Friday.

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

Our Lady of the Pines Parish is committed to upholding the safety and dignity of each child and young person, ensuring they are able to grow and develop in a caring and supportive environment within our parish. Visit our parish website or contact our parish office for our Child Safety Policy.

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday, also known as Passion Sunday, is a celebration that commemorates and honours Jesus Christ's victorious entry into Jerusalem. It is an event that is mentioned in all the four Gospels. It was a joyful occasion as Jesus rode into Jerusalem as a conquering King and the people shouted His praises and worshiped Him as He deserves it. He entered Jerusalem on a young donkey showing humility and his followers laid out palm leaves and clothes on the road as an act of homage for royalty and unwavering respect. The palms represented peace and victory and Jesus was openly declaring that He was the King and Messiah the people had been waiting for to redeem them.

Jesus travelled to Jerusalem knowing that he would be tried and crucified and His journey would end in His sacrificial death for the sins of humanity. This Palm Sunday, let us remind ourselves of our Lord's Sacrificial death on the cross, praise our Heavenly Father for the gift of Salvation, and look forward to Jesus Christ's second coming.

Palm Sunday is the sixth Sunday of Lent and marks the beginning of Holy Week, the remembrance of Christ's last days to the cross, which concludes on Easter Sunday.

Face Masks are also no longer required to be worn, however you are most welcome to do so if you prefer. Please continue to socially distance and utilise the hand sanitiser provided.

Holy Week and Easter Mass Times Holy week and Easter

Below are our Mass times for holy week and Easter. Please make a note in your diary of the mass times.

Holy Thursday	14th April at 7.30pm
Stations of the Cross at Ss Peter and Paul's Church	15th April at 10.00am
Good Friday Service	15th April at 3.00pm
Easter Vigil	16th of April at 7.00pm
Easter Sunday	17th April at 9.30am

LENTEN PREPARATION ACTIVITIES

Rosary over Zoom - Our last Rosary for lent will be held on Wed the 13th of April .

To join, login into Zoom on your computer, ipad or phone and key in:

Meeting ID: 259 756 4312 and Password: 689922

Trivia Night

Thanks to all who attended out Trivia Night – a great night was enjoyed by everyone. We are pleased to announce we made a profit of \$2,357 on the night.

Social and Fundraising Committee.

HOLY LAND COLLECTION

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 15th. This collection promotes the missionary work of the church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to preserve over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, due to the global pandemic it was an extremely difficult time for the church and people of the Holy Land with very little income due to the lack of pilgrims and the closure of churches around the world. Despite this, Australia Catholics did manage to donate \$406,000 compared to the \$1.3 million in 2019. This year the Holy Land will continue to face an extreme shortfall in income due to the ongoing effects of the pandemic and so we are urging Catholics around the world to be as generous as possible. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and please keep them in your prayers.



Recruitment Drive

Thank you to those who responded to our recent recruitment drive for volunteers. A total of eight forms were returned. If you would still like to volunteer for any of the Groups or Ministries, you may do so at any time. We are particularly short of volunteers for the Liturgy Committee, Ministers of the Word, Sacristans and Vinnies. If you can help with any of these, or any other groups which interest you, please email trish.keley@cam.org.au.

We pray for Better Health:

Brian Sullivan, Kath Potger, Alden Ong, Lisa Dallow, Josephine Noli, Teresa Talia, Sharon Rodrigo, John Goold, Meredith Barnes, Jean Rive and John Yates.

Recent Death:

Anniversary and Mass offering for :

Stations of the Cross Display

You will have noticed the Stations of the Cross displayed around the church. These have been made and installed by students and teachers at our school.

A huge amount of work and effort has gone into this display. If you have time, please have a walk around the Stations after Mass and reflect on Christ's journey to Calvary.

REMOVAL OF VINNIES BIN

Removal of Vinnies' Bin On Friday 25 February our St Vincent de Paul Conference was advised from Head Office that all collection bins within the Box Hill region were being withdrawn from churches. The reason for this action is that only 25% of the goods placed in the collection bins were reusable. The cost has now become prohibitive to dispose of the 75% of unusable goods so this service has now been discontinued. Good quality clothing and goods may now be taken to the Mont Albert Op-Shop at 24 Hamilton Street Mont Albert Phone: 9898 0720 or the Ringwood Op shop at 2/82 Maroondah Highway Ringwood - Phone: 98709124. Thank you for your past generous donations



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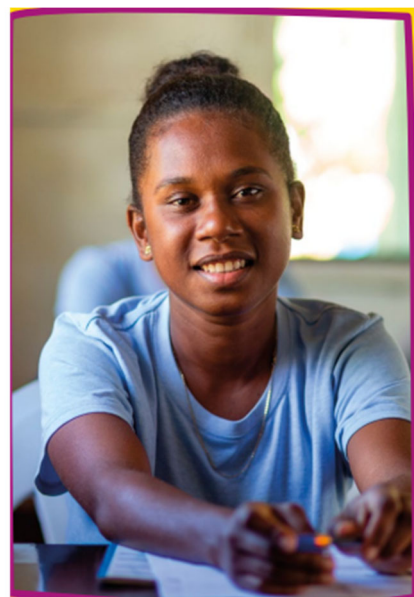
Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. In recent years, COVID-19 has also devastated vulnerable communities already living in poverty, with the health and economic impacts to reverberate for years to come.

It's through the generous support of people like you, even amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, that we are able to continue to help lift vulnerable communities out of poverty – support that is needed now more than ever. Thousands of schools and Parishes in Australia have supported Project Compassion over the past year alone.

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.

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16th and 17th of April - Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday

HOSPITALITY TEAMS

Cruz, Silva and Perreau

READERS & COMMENTATORS

Sat 7.00 pm: Rita, Trish, Mary, Vanessa

Sun 9.30 am: Tom

PROJECTOR OPERATORS

Sat 5.00 pm: Carlos Cordeiro

Sun 9.30am: Bruce Stewart

COVID MARSHALS

5.00 pm: Rose and Roy Tavenor

9.30 am: Mary Farnay and Lyn Wise

MONEY COUNTERS - GROUP 5

Geoff Mullane, David Sowersby, Anna Basa
and Claire Davis

PARISH PRIEST : Fr Jerald Mariadas 9841 8354

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Trish Keley - Tue & Wed 9.00 am to 4.00 pm

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Liza Jansz - Wed 9.00 am to 5.00 pm

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Year C - Easter Sunday

17th April 2022

Gospel

On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, they went to the tomb with the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb, but on entering discovered that the body of the Lord Jesus was not there. As they stood there not knowing what to think, two men in brilliant clothes suddenly appeared at their side. Terrified, the women lowered their eyes. But the two men said to them, 'Why look among the dead for someone who is alive? He is not here; he has risen. Remember what he told you when he was still in Galilee: that the Son of Man had to be handed over into the power of sinful men and be crucified, and rise again on the third day?' And they remembered his words.

When the women returned from the tomb they told all this to the Eleven and to all the others. The women were Mary of Magdala, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. The other women with them also told the apostles, but this story of theirs seemed pure nonsense, and they did not believe them. Peter, however, went running to the tomb. He bent down and saw the binding cloths but nothing else; he then went back home, amazed at what had happened.

(Luke 24:1-12)

Did you know?

Points of interest and Catholic lore

- At the time of Jesus, women were not considered to be reliable witnesses in a court of law.
- The burial practices of the time required that the body be anointed with spices, but Jesus had been buried in haste before the Sabbath, so the women are now returning at the first opportunity to complete the process of his burial rites.
- The Jewish Sabbath runs from sunset on Friday night to sunset on Saturday night, so the dawn of Sunday morning (the first day of the week) was when this action could take place.
- The first witnesses to the resurrection are women. This echoes the faith demonstrated by Mary at the beginning of Luke's Gospel, when she says 'yes' to God's plan for her.

MASS TIMES FOR THE PARTNERED PARISHES OF OUR LADY OF THE PINES & Ss PETER & PAUL'S, DONCASTER EAST

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Monday	No Mass	9.00 am Communion Service
Tuesday	9.00 am Zoom Mass	9.00 am Mass
Wednesday	9.00 am Mass followed by Rosary 7.30 pm Rosary via Zoom	9.00 am Communion Service 7.30 pm Rosary via Zoom
Thursday	Holy Thursday—7.30pm	Holy Thursday 7.30pm
Friday	Good Friday—Stations of the Cross—10.00 am at SSPP - Passion of our Lord—3.00pm	Good Friday—Stations of the Cross at 10.00am Passion of our Lord—3.00pm
Saturday	Easter Vigil Service at 7.00pm	Easter Vigil Service at 7.00pm
Sunday	Easter Sunday -9.30 am Mass followed by Rosary	Easter Sunday -8.00 am and 11.15 am Masses