

HE IS RISEN

Easter

Easter Sunday

17th of April 2022

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OUR LADY OF THE PINES CHURCH

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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 exam-
ple in our daily lives.

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

He Has Risen! If there are 3 words that we can sum up Easter by, it would be these 3 words. He Has Risen! Jesus Christ was crucified, died and was buried, and He Rose from the dead for us, his children!

Our Lenten theme this year has been perseverance. To persevere is to persist in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success. Over the last 2 years, we as a nation have had to witness serious illness and death, social unrest in the world and the economic hardships faced by individuals, families, and communities here at home and throughout the world.

Jesus, himself had to go through hardship throughout his passion, he felt abandoned by everyone, his followers, his apostles, even God. Through the darkness that enveloped him, and the pain and suffering he had to go through, he persevered through the humiliation and crucifixion. He persevered through all this because of his love for us.

Many people in Australia and beyond are still suffering the loss of loved ones, unemployment, and fear and anxiety. We grieve that so many people in poorer countries have not been given access to vaccines. This global injustice is folly, as it not only damages the lives of so many children of God but makes more likely the rise of even more dangerous Covid variants.

The resurrection teaches us that no body of Christ ever stays in the tomb for long either. God always rolls back the stones and soon enough, new life burst forth. Resurrection follows crucifixion. Every crucified body will rise again. This is the message for us as we persevere through the hardship of life. God will roll the stone away for us as new life burst forth.

Pope Francis often speaks of joy. With characteristic humour, the Pope says that Christians should not look like 'sourpusses' (literally "vinegar faces" in the original Spanish). We should rejoice in our freedom and remain confident in God's love for us. The joy of Easter springs from our deep gratitude to God for his gentle and compassionate presence in our lives.

While hardship still persist in our world today with floods, volcanic eruptions and war, Easter celebrates what Pope Francis says so powerfully: "We are not loved after we are forgiven, we are forgiven because we are loved".

May this season bring you lasting joy in the knowledge that through Jesus's perseverance, we are sure in the knowledge that we are forgiven because He loved us. He Has Risen! Alleluia!

Fr Jerald.

Save the Date

Our next Parish Fundraising event will be our—Pleasant Sunday Afternoon which will be held on the 26th of June 2022. We will be joined by some top musicians. Mark your diaries. More details will be available soon.

MASS DRIVERS NEEDED URGENTLY

We have a parishioner who needs transport to the 9.30 am Mass each Sunday.

She lives locally however does not drive any longer. It would be ideal to have a few volunteers so a roster could be drawn up.

If you are able to assist please contact Trish Keley on 0431 835 626 or email trish.keley@cam.org.au

JOAN CHITTISTER - Live in Melbourne in 2022 - Rescheduled

Joan Chittister osb is a practical theologian embodying the voice of wisdom and experience. Her prophetic views on justice and equality challenge all who would silence women and those at the margins. Through her call to uncommon courage she can help us develop a spirituality of engagement so together we can work to reform the clerical culture that has shattered so many and damaged us all.

Proudly supported by: Women's Wisdom in the Church Inc. (WWITCH) Catholics for Renewal and Garratt Publishing

RESCHEDULED!

Due to the pandemic, the evening with Joan Chittister is rescheduled for Thursday 12 May 2022.

Existing Ticket Holders: Your existing tickets are valid for this rescheduled event. If you are unable to attend this new date please contact us for a refund.

Location

Thursday 12 May 2022 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (UTC+10)

Melbourne Town Hall

90-130 Swanston St., Melbourne Vic. 3000

To Book please refer to our website which will have the booking link.

We pray for Better Health:

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

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.

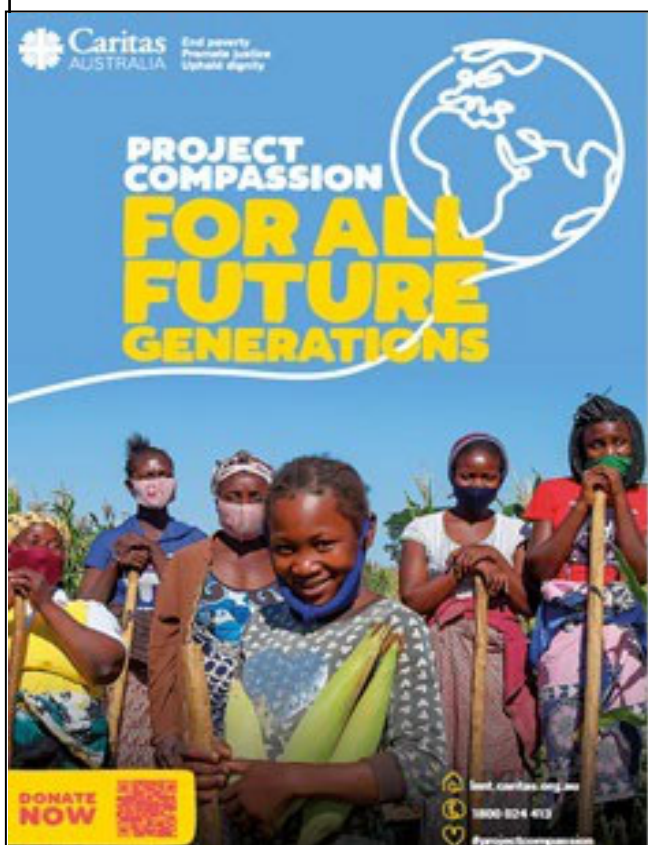
REMOVAL OF VINNIES BIN

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



Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

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.***



Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2022 Lenten appeal.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow ***For All Future Generations.*** You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

**23rd and 24th of April -
2nd Sunday of Easter**

HOSPITALITY TEAMS

Christensen, Nolan and McDonald

READERS & COMMENTATORS

Sat 7.00 pm: Mary Ann Payne and Ophelia Wong

Sun 9.30 am: Anna Basa and Leonard Healy

PROJECTOR OPERATORS

Sat 5.00 pm: Gabrielle Collins

Sun 9.30am: Leonard Healy

COVID MARSHALS

5.00 pm: Rita Latimour

9.30 am: Janet and Pat Goodwin

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**Year C - 2nd Sunday of Easter
24 th April 2022**

Gospel

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,

so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,

they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,

they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

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

	OLOP	SsPP
Monday	No Mass	9.00 am Communion Service
Tuesday	No Mass	9.00 am Mass
Wednesday	9.00 am Mass followed by Rosary	9.00 am Communion Service
Thursday	No Mass	9.00am Mass
Friday	9.00am Mass followed by Rosary	9.00am Communion Service
Saturday	5.00pm Mass	9.00am and 6.00pm Mass
Sunday	9.30am Mass followed by Rosary	8.00am and 11.15am Mass