

HE IS RISEN

Easter

6th Sunday of Easter

**21st and 22nd of May
2022—Year C**

**OUR LADY OF THE PINES
CHURCH**

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PARISH OFFICE OPENING

HOURS: Tues: 9.am to 4. pm.

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**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.

Parish AGM

The OLOP Parish AGM has been scheduled for 19/06/2022.

This is a call to all ministry co-ordinators to please submit your ministry report to the Parish Office by the 31st of May 2022 at the very latest. If there are any issues please do let us know.

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 in the newsletter.

Fr Mike Schmitz

The Word on Fire Institute recently uploaded this video from the 2021 Good News Conference. The keynote speaker was Fr Mike Schmitz, and his talk was centred around the theme of joy: what it is, why it matters, and what joy gives witness to. We live in a time where people are deeply unhappy, he said. This is weird because our societies are built around the idea that we should pursue our own happiness. Christianity, however, isn't simply about happiness. In fact, Fr Schmitz said, 'If you want happiness, you shouldn't be a Christian. If you want joy, that's a whole different story.'

The deepest and most enduring experience of joy comes from the knowledge of being known and loved by God, he said. Part of the problem with our pursuit of happiness, though, is the constant moving of the goalposts: we place conditions upon our happiness, waiting for certain things or events to happen before we agree to be happy. But joy is a choice, Fr Schmitz said, just like love: 'No matter how difficult life is, there is always room for joy.' 'There are two ways of looking at the world,' he also said. 'One is that God doesn't exist, therefore do what you want because nothing matters. The other is that God does exist, therefore you can't do whatever you want because everything matters.'

And this is what we witness: that there is a God who already knows you, that has loved you to death, that your life has meaning, and everything you do matters; that you matter to the God of the universe. If that isn't a reason for joy, I don't know what is.' **To hear Fr Mike's talk in full please go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gnVWYHoHLSM&t=1s>**

JOIN US ON A PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON

KICK BACK AND RELAX
TO THE COOL SOUNDS OF
RON KINGSTON – ACCLAIMED
ACOUSTIC GUITARIST AND SINGER

BYO food & nibbles
Drinks at bar prices
Only 18 years plus

To book call:
David Sowersby 0419 311 775
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Sunday 26 June

From 1.00pm
Our Lady of the Pines
77 Carbine Street
Donvale

\$25 per head

AUDITIONS NOW OPEN for 'Call of Guadalupe'-

an Australian-grown Catholic Musical! Our Musicals have gone around Australia & overseas. You are welcome to be involved in this splendid Show on stage in November. A great opportunity to DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS in the Performing Arts.

Learn how to act, sing or help backstage with FREE Drama & Singing Classes starting Sat 4th June in the Burwood & Chelsea area. Go to www.cogtheatre.org For audition details: contact cogtheatregroup@gmail.com or Von 0423 886 984 or Geraldine 0413398528

Our Lady around the world

During this month of May, we look into different Marian devotions around the world, and the unique stories and miracles associated with them. This week we look at the Philippines.

Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage

The Filipino Jesuit, Fr Catalino Arevalo, once said: 'To understand Filipino Catholics, one must understand their love for Mary.' The Philippines, perhaps more than any other country, has too many Marian devotions and shrines to talk about. Colloquially, it is common to hear Filipinos refer to Mary as "Mama Mary," an affectionate title that speaks to their familiarity with the Blessed Virgin.

Across the country, two of the most popular devotions are to Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Our Lady of Fatima. However, there are many popular home-grown devotions. In a book released in conjunction with the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines, there is a history and visual presentation of eighteen different shrines.

One of the most popular indigenous devotions is to Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage. The wooden statue of Our Lady, a Black Madonna, dates back to the 17th century and is enshrined at the Antipolo Cathedral in the Sierra Madre mountains. In 1925, Pope Pius XI granted her a canonical coronation, a special act of crowning for a member of the Holy Family that is widely venerated in a diocese.

The Black Madonna arrived in Manila in 1626, having left Mexico four months earlier in the hands of Governor-General of the Spanish East Indies, Don Juan Niño de Tabora. He dubbed the statue Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage, attributing his safe journey to her.

In the 1630s, construction of a church in Antipolo began. However, it is said that during construction, the Madonna would vanish several times mysteriously, reappearing by a nearby tipolo plant. This was taken to be a heavenly sign about the location of the church, so it was built there instead.

We pray for Better Health:

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

Anniversaries: Patrick Moroney

CURRENT COVID PROTOCOLS

The requirement to check-in on entry to the Worship Centre is no longer required. 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. There are also bottles of sanitiser placed throughout the Parish Centre, should you wish to sanitise your own chair before or after Mass.

28th and 29th of May - The Ascension of the Lord

HOSPITALITY TEAMS

Baird, Stewart and Separovic

READERS & COMMENTATORS

Sat 5.00 pm: James Beckford and Mary Wynack

Sun 9.30 am: John Lazzari and Victoria Church

Altar Servers:

Sat 5.00pm: Jeanelle, Andrew, Alex and Tiana

Sun 9.30am: Maya, Ryan, Marcus and Meagan

Mass Drivers Roster

Sunday: Tricia Kelay

PROJECTOR OPERATORS

Sat 5.00 pm: Carlos Cordeiro

Sun 9.30am: Lukas Catanchin

Welcoming Committee

5.00 pm: Nicole and Carlos Cordeiro

9.30 am: Mirella Drago and Sue Separovic

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Year C - The Ascension of the Lord 29th May 2022

Gospel

'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.'

Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

Did you know?

Points of interest and Catholic lore

- The disciples praying in the temple. The temple plays a critical role in Luke's account of the public life of Jesus.
- While the fact of Jesus' ascension to the Father is mentioned several times in the New Testament (Mark 16:19; John 6:62; John 20:17, Ephesians 4:8-10), only Luke describes the event itself, both in his gospel and in the Acts of the Apostles.
- Bethany is a small town not far from Jerusalem, just over the Mount of Olives. It was the hometown of Mary, Martha and Lazarus.

Extract from "The Summit" Online.

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	9.00 am Mass
Friday	9.00 am 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