



**16th Sunday in Ordinary  
Time**

**16th and 17th of July  
2022—Year C**

**OUR LADY OF THE PINES  
CHURCH**

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**PARISH OFFICE OPENING**

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

**Wed: 9.pm to 5.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.**

### **Welcome to Fr Isuru Weliwatte**

This weekend we welcome Fr Isuru to our Parish , who will be presiding at all masses this weekend in Fr Jeralds' absence.

Thank you for being here Fr Isuru.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

#### **SPORTS NIGHT**

**WEDNESDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER**

**HUGE CAST TO BE ANNOUNCED IN THE NEAR FUTURE**

**LOOK OUT FOR THE FLYER IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.**

### **PARISH FEAST DAY - FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION - 14th AUGUST 2022**

The Liturgy Committee is currently preparing for our parish Feast Day celebration on Sunday, 14th August. We invite all parishioners to send in a photo of yourself or with your family to enable us to create a mosaic image.

Please email the photos to [trish.keley@cam.org.au](mailto:trish.keley@cam.org.au) by Tuesday, 2nd August. Thank you.

### **Fr Jerald on holiday**

Fr Jerald will be on holiday from the 12th of July . During his absence we will be having supply priest in place.

Fr Kevin has kindly offered to preside at our weekday masses during this period. **Please note however that mass will commence at 9.30am.** On the 22nd of July, there will be a whole school mass celebrating Grandparents Day. All parishioners are invited to attend. We thank Fr Kevin for his very kind offer to help us with our weekday masses.

We wish Fr Jerald wonderful holiday and safe travels.

**PIETY STALL/LIBRARY - HELPERS NEEDED  
DESPERATELY!!!**

Upon the retirement of Barbara Johnson, Sue Keating has kindly offered to take on the role of co-ordinator of our Library & Piety Stall. Sue would like to set up a roster of volunteers to run these after each Mass and we are desperately in need of people to help.

If you are able to assist, please phone Sue on 0421 270 517 or email her at [keatingsm@bigpond.com](mailto:keatingsm@bigpond.com).

**"Tony Tome honoured by St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria**

Tony Tome has been recognised by the Society's Victorian State Council as an Emeritus Vincentian. Tony was one of 16 new members who re-established the Donvale Conference in 1999, with the support of the late Fr Tony Hally. Tony held a number of offices in the Society, including State President (2010-2014). Tony has now retired from active work for the Society."

**Our Story of Faith through the eyes and hearts of Indigenous Christians**

On Sunday 3 July, a special Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral celebrated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday and marked the beginning of NAIDOC Week, when we are invited to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The Indigenous peoples of Australia have a special relationship with the living world that has both a physical and a spiritual dimension. In his homily, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli noted that every culture, since the foundation of the world, has used familiar images to convey what is truly human—

To read the full transcript please go the [www.Melbournecatholic.org/news/our-story=of-faith-through-the-eyes-and-hearts-of-indigenous-christians](http://www.Melbournecatholic.org/news/our-story=of-faith-through-the-eyes-and-hearts-of-indigenous-christians).

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY TO RECOMMENCE  
SUNDAY 17TH JULY**

It will be held during the 9.30 am Mass every Sunday (except during school holidays). If you have children or grandchildren from kinder through to Year 6, we encourage you to send them along. Children's liturgy helps the children to learn the gospel at their own level and makes attending Mass more meaningful for them. There will be two adults supervising every lesson.

Lessons have been prepared - we still need a few more people to help run the classes. If you would like to be involved, but don't feel comfortable leading a lesson, you may join the team as an assistant, which means helping the children with their activity. If you are able to help in any way, or would just like to know more, please phone Trish Keley on 0431 835 626 or email [trish.keley@cam.org.au](mailto:trish.keley@cam.org.au).

**We pray for Better Health:**

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

**Recent Death:**

## Reflection on this weeks Gospel

Early Church fathers saw the story in the first reading as a foreshadowing of the doctrine of the Trinity, and indeed the narrator shifts disconcertingly from singular to plural. The Lord appeared to Abraham...he saw three men standing near...he ran to meet them... "my Lord," he said... "you shall refresh yourselves," ... they ate... "Where is your wife Sarah?" he asked him...Then his guest said... 2 Pastoral Liturgy, Vol. 52 [2021], Iss. 3, Art. 12 <https://researchonline.nd.edu.au/pastoral-liturgy/vol52/iss3/12> Later we learn that one of the three men is indeed the LORD God, and the two others are angels. Andrei Rublev's now famous icon of the Trinity is based on this story – the three men with angel wings sit in a circle around the table, with Abraham's house, the oak of Mamre and a mountain in the background. In the centre of the table is the dish representing Abraham's banquet. In the hottest part of the day Abraham's welcome and hospitality are well and truly extravagant– he runs to meet the strangers, offers them a little bread for refreshment but then hastens to Sarah (no doubt resting in the tent), tells her to hurry and knead three bushels of flour (a huge amount), then runs to the cattle to choose a calf himself, orders his servant to cook it, and serves it up with cream and milk. There is a real sense of urgency in his desire to please and detain his guests. You have to suspect that somehow Abraham recognised early on that these men were no ordinary strangers. Indeed, his request, "My Lord, I beg you, if I have found favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by," makes good sense if understood as his plea to God to spend some time with him. It is a humble utterance that belies a deep desire for intimacy with God. Ironically, this visitation is not for Abraham. It is for Sarah. Although she remains hidden in the tent throughout this episode, it is she whom God enquires after, and it is to her that a son is promised. God sometimes calls when we least expect it, even in places of obscurity, surprising us with overwhelming generosity. Sarah will be the mother of Israel. This is a God who goes beyond all that we could ever dream of or ask for. Mountains are places of human and divine encounter, so dwelling on God's holy mountain means to live in the presence of the Lord. In psalm 26, the psalmist sings, "There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life." We know this as our longing too and today's psalm tells us exactly who it is who will achieve this – those who are just. The psalmist sets out a detailed job description. It is an array of moral and ethical precepts that challenge us to examine our consciences and strive to do better. Relationship with God depends entirely on our relationships with others. In the letter to the Colossians, the suffering Paul refers to is that of being in prison, though he may also be well aware that he is soon to die. It is a reminder that suffering is part of the Christian life, but Paul is also expressing his love for the people to whom he is writing. Because he loves them, he is happy to suffer and even to die for having brought God's message to them. In seeking to strengthen the faith of the Colossians, Paul evokes the image of the church as the body of Christ – they belong to a communion of believers in a great mystery, the mystery of "Christ among you, your hope of glory." There is a power in Paul's conviction that is hard to resist. He has suffered so much so that they might believe. They have been given so much training and instruction in wisdom. The message is one of hope and glory. How could they possibly give up their faith?

**23rd and 24th of July 2022  
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time -**

**HOSPITALITY TEAMS**

Luttick, Howell, Argat and Bradley

**READERS & COMMENTATORS**

Sat 5.00 pm: James Beckford and Mary Wynack

Sun 9.30 am: John Lazzari and Margaret Bentley

**Altar Servers:**

Sat 5.00pm: Jose, Jeanelle and Rafael

Sun 9.30am: Maya, Tiana and Teagan

**Mass Drivers Roster**

**Sunday:** Keith and Marlene Delzoppo

**PROJECTOR OPERATORS**

Sat 5.00 pm: Gabrielle Collins

Sun 9.30am: Leonard Healy

**Welcoming Committee**

5.00 pm: Gill and James Beckford

9.30 am: Corrinne Ng and Sue Keating

**MONEY COUNTERS - GROUP 1**

John Lazzari, Vina Pena and Teresina Yung

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Liza Jansz - Wed 9.00 am to 5.00 pm

**Year C - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
—24th July 2022**

**Gospel**

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.'

He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

“‘Father, may your name be held holy,

your kingdom come;

give us each day our daily bread,

and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us.

And do not put us to the test.”’

He also said to them:

‘Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, “My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him”; and the man answers from inside the house, “Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it you.” I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

‘So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’

**Extract from “The Summit” Online.**

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

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