



Our Remembrance Mass

The Remembrance Mass this year was a triumph over adversity, the adversity of Covid which prevented us from celebrating the memory of those whom we have lost.

The Bereavement Committee would like to recognise the input of the many people in the parish who contributed to make the Mass very special.

The committee of Glenda Haswell, Helen Tome and Emmy Oakley are just one part of the congregation which is involved in this annual Mass. We would like to thank the Music Group of Andrew, Fiona and Patrick who created the songs, and the musicians on the keyboard and drums who provided the accompaniment. It is sad to realise that this was their final Remembrance Mass participation.

We would like to recognise the Liturgy group especially Rita, who assists us in the choice of the Readings. Thank you for your assistance and input. A special thanks to Corrinne who prints, laminates and produces the bookmarks. She provides highly valued assistance to the Bereavement group. Our thanks also to the sacristans who give us access to the candle light holders and the tapers. All the input we receive is gratefully acknowledged.

We look forward to planning the Remembrance Mass for the years ahead.

Christ the King

**19th & 20th November 2022
Year C**

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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.**

We pray for Better Health:

Brian Sullivan, Kath Potger, Alden Ong,
Lisa Dallow, Josephine Noli, Sharon
Rodrigo, Meredith Barnes, John Yates,
Fiona Faulkner, Melvin Rodrigo, Sharon
Hill, Angela Daffey, Marlene Delzoppo,
Dominic Cruz, Belinda Swan.

Anniversaries: Terry Daffey, Judy Maher

VINNIES CHRISTMAS & FLOOD APPEAL THIS WEEKEND

The Donvale Vinnies Conference is conducting a Christmas & Flood Appeal in the Parish this weekend. With inflation the highest it has been in years, interest rates rapidly rising, and both yet to peak this year, the Society's theme for the Christmas Appeal is the cost-of-living crisis.

We seek your financial support to help the Conference with its work in the local community and in South Melbourne, as well as providing material assistance to those who have been flooded multiple times this year in regional Victoria.

Donations can be made via the envelopes in the Church foyer; cash in the collection bowl as you leave; on-line at www.vinnies.org.au; or by calling 13 18 12. Donations to the Victorian Flood Appeal can be made by direct deposit to the St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria Gift Fund via account: BSB 063 000 account no: 106 07556, your reference FLOOD22, Conference 444. For a tax receipt, email the Fundraising Team at donation@svdp-vic.org.au Give details of deposit date, amount and your name/phone/address.

Thank you for your continued support for those in need.



Christmas Raffle

Our Fundraising Committee will be holding a Christmas Raffle in the coming weeks. Tickets will go on sale from Saturday, 26th November and the raffle will be drawn just prior to Christmas. The prizes will be on display in the church foyer each week.

"You have to be in it to win it!"

LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP COMENSOLI

Archbishop Comensoli has distributed a pastoral letter regarding the lifting of the general dispensation from our Sunday and Holy Day obligations as of the first **Sunday in Advent, 27 November 2022**. Copies of the letter are available in the church foyer and attached to this newsletter.

Happy Birthday Fr Kevin

On behalf of everyone at Our Lady of the Pines, we wish Fr Kevin every best wish as he celebrates his special day on the 23rd November.



ANOINTING MASS AT SsPP TUESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER, 11.00 AM

All parishioners are invited to an Anointing Mass at SsPP on Tuesday, 22nd November at 11.00 am. The Mass will be celebrated by Fr Kevin and will be followed by refreshments.

ALTAR SERVERS' MASS NEXT SATURDAY 5.00 PM

As Saturday, 26th November is the Feast Day of St John Berchmans, the patron Saint of Altar servers, the 5.00 pm Mass on that day will be dedicated to our Altar Servers. We invite as many parishioners as possible and their families to come along and support our wonderful Altar Servers.

HAMPER MASS - SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER

Thank you to all our amazing parishioners who have now taken up the mantle of sponsoring all 50 of the names of those in need for Christmas Hampers. YOU ARE ALL SO AMAZING!

Just a reminder that our Hamper Mass will be held on Sunday the 4th of December. Hampers can also be brought to the church on Saturday the 3rd of December at the 5.00 pm Mass.

CatholicCare thanks you for your generous support.

Queries: Janet Goodwin 0415 204 498.

Mass for Protection of the Family

Thursday 8 December, 2022 - 7pm to 8:30pm
(Feast of the Immaculate Conception)

St. Peter and Paul's Catholic Church,
23 Leeds St, Doncaster East, Vic
(Celebrant: Fr. Jerald Mariadas PP)



- Holy Rosary (7pm)
- Confessions
- Holy Mass (7:30pm)
- Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Pope John Paul II's Prayer for Families

PLEASE NOTE THAT COMMUNION SERVICES WILL BE HELD INSTEAD OF WEEKDAY MASSES NEXT WEDNESDAY 23RD NOVEMBER & FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER.

INVITATION TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SYNOD ON SYNODALITY PHASE DOCUMENT FOR THE CONTINENTAL STAGE

The National Centre for Pastoral Research is inviting groups of seven to 10 people to express their interest in participating in the next round of consultation for the global Synod of Bishops on Synodality. Source: ACBC Media Blog. Refer <https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/groups-invited-to-prepare-for-next-synod-of-bishops-phase/?unapproved=3492&moderation-hash=89ed256e0296927bc7d46155273f13b0#comment-3492>. If you are interested in being involved, OLOP can co-ordinate a group. Please contact the Parish Office to register your interest.



Cast 1:
Tuesday
Dec 6th

invites you to our...

Journey to Bethlehem

Cast 2:
Wednesday
Dec 7th

Session Times

1: 5:00pm-5:45pm

2: 6:00pm-6:45pm

3: 7:00pm-7:45pm



JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

**Performed by the students of
Our Lady of the Pines Primary School**

**All parishioners, families and friends
are warmly invited.**

**There are three sessions to choose from
on 6th & 7th December.**

THE FIRST NOEL

LUKE 1:46-55

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT OLOP

**Reconciliation 20th Dec 2022 7.30pm at
Our Lady of the Pines**

Christmas Eve 24th Dec 2022 6.00pm Mass

Christmas Day 25th Dec 2022 9.30am Mass

COME AWAY DAY AT HOLY CROSS

The final 'Come Away Day' for this year will be held on Wednesday 30 November at the Passionist Holy Cross Retreat Centre, 207 Serpells Road Templestowe. The theme of the day is "Welcoming the Light." The day's program provides opportunities for prayer, meditation, silence and group interaction in the beautiful grounds of Holy Cross. The day concludes at 2pm with a service of Anointing and Eucharist. All are welcome. BYO lunch. The cost of the day is \$25.00 or a donation. Registration is at 9.30am. For further details contact Frank Burke - burke.frank942@yahoo.com.au or 0407998781.

**26th and 27th of November 2022
1st Sunday of Advent**

HOSPITALITY TEAMS:

Haswell, Sowersby and Smith

READERS & COMMENTATORS:

Sat 5.00pm: Margaret Hughes and Vanessa White

Sun 9.30am: Kathy Stewart and Geoff Mullane

ALTAR SERVERS:

5.00pm: All Altar Servers

9.30am: Ryan, Jasmine and Eva

CHILDRENS LITURGY: Miriam Silva and Anne Khoo

MASS DRIVERS: Suzanne and Mark Keating

PROJECTOR OPERATORS:

Sat 5.00 pm: Gabrielle Collins

Sun 9.30am: Lukas Catanchin

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

5.00pm: Rose and Richard Chapman

9.30am: Janet and Pat Goodwin

MONEY COUNTING: GROUP 1

John Lazzari, Vina Pena and Teresina Yung

PIETY STALL:

5.00pm : Vanessa White

9.30am: Sue Keating

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Year A - 1st Sunday of Advent

27th of November 2022

Gospel

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood, people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.' (Matthew 24:37-44)

DID YOU KNOW?

- Advent is a four week season of preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas. The word 'advent' means coming. Advent takes up this theme in looking forward to the coming of Christ at Christmas, and especially in looking towards the future coming of Christ at the end times.
- The first Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of the church's liturgical year.
- This is Year A of the liturgical calendar, during which the Lectionary readings come predominantly from the Gospel of Matthew.

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 Mass—Communion Service
Tuesday	No Mass	9.00 am Mass
Wednesday	9.00 am Communion Service followed by Rosary	9.00 am Communion Service
Thursday	No Mass	9.00 am Mass
Friday	9.00 am Communion Service followed by Rosary	9.00 am Communion Service followed by Adoration
Saturday	5.00 pm Vigil Mass - Altar Servers' Recognition Mass	9.00 am Weekday Mass and 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.30 am Mass followed by Rosary	8.00 am and 11.15 am Masses



We proclaim a crucified Christ

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15 November 2022

Welcome Home!

My dear friends in Christ Jesus,

Over recent years, our freedom to be physically present in the Lord and with each other has been severely curtailed. We, God's pilgrim people, have had to withhold from assembling as Christ's tangible Body, and have been reduced to relying on virtual and mediated ways of gathering. Thanks be to God for the technological means that have sustained us!

We found a way to hear God's Word and to pray together, but we have not been free to physically gather together in the Lord. We are rightfully grateful for the many ways in which we reached out in Christian faith and service over the past few years – online rosary, care check-ups, prayer circles, support drop-offs, zoom and phone ministry, to name a few. Yet, it has been difficult to experience in person the words of Jesus, "*When two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them.*" (Mt 18.20) Gathering virtually is not the fullness of the presence we bring of ourselves to God and to each other.

At the heart of our Catholic faith, we believe in the Word who became flesh, Jesus Christ. We believe that Jesus offered his body on the Cross, so that we might have life in him. And we believe that Christ's Body and Blood is now given to us sacramentally in the Holy Eucharist. Jesus, who bound himself to us on the Cross, left for us his sacramental presence, to bind us together in Him. Perhaps we lost contact with this bodily reality over the time of the pandemic. In desperate times, what was needed to be done was done. We learnt many things, particularly about loss, but also gratitude for what we so easily take for granted. Now that we are able to come back together as the Body of Christ, we should do so with joy, thankfulness and renewed energy.

From the earliest days of the Covenant, God called his People to assemble with Him. "Keep holy the Sabbath" is God's command to take up this happy invitation. (Exodus 20.8) The Lord's Day – for Christians, Sunday – is precious to us, borne out of our love for Christ, who first loved us. Dispensation from our Sunday obligation to physically gather for the Eucharist during the pandemic was always meant to be a temporary exemption for the sake of the common good, without dispensing us from the ongoing sanctifying of our day in some form of prayer and charity in our homes and families. The need for this dispensation has now passed.

Therefore, as from the 1st **Sunday of Advent, 27 November 2022**, the general dispensation from our Sunday and Holy Day obligations will be lifted. As always, the ordinary individual exemptions will remain in place (e.g., for reasons of ill health, family care of the vulnerable, etc.).

Similarly, there is no longer a general need for televising or streaming local Masses, now that we can fully gather without restrictions. I note that some online and telecast options will continue to be offered where needed –e.g., the I am Sunday Mass from the Cathedral on Community TV C31 (Channel 44) and the Archdiocesan YouTube channel, as well as daily Mass via YouTube at any time.

Our communities of grace look forward to welcoming you this Advent. As the anticipation of Jesus' nativity grows, might we also extend our arms in invitation and welcome to others. Many family, friends and neighbours still experience uncertainty at this time. Being a people who can warmly provide a place of refreshment, hope and light is a gift. In all the messiness of parish life, here we can know that the door of grace is opened for us, the medicine of healing is there for us, and the hand of help is outstretched towards us.

We will continue to update the Liturgical Guidelines on the Archdiocesan website (<https://melbournecatholic.org/covid-19-guidelines>), which answers many of the practicalities that might aid with our safe return and acceptable sacramental practices.

May I offer one final word of encouragement: be open to seeking the Lord's mercy and healing in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. When we return to the assembly of God's people, let our return be a reconciled one. (Mt 5.23-24) I am sure our priests will willingly open the doors of mercy at convenient times, so that we might find ourselves back at the Table of the Lord knowing that a banquet of mercy and forgiveness awaits us. (Cf. Lk 15.24)

May the Lord who gathers us into his Eucharistic Body continue to deepen our desire to be with him and each other in joy and hope. As the lyrics go for a popular song with our young people, "*We are one Body, one body in Christ, and we do not stand alone.*"

Welcome back and welcome home this Advent and Christmas!

With every grace and blessing, I remain,

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter A Comensoli', with a small cross symbol to the left of the first name.

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne