



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th and 5th of February 23

Year A

OUR LADY OF THE PINES CHURCH
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PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS:

Tues: 9.00 am to 4.00 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.

We pray for Better Health:

Brian Sullivan, Kath Potger, Josephine Noli, Sharon Rodrigo, Meredith Barnes, John Yates, Angela Daffey, Marlene Delzoppo

Recent Death:

CELEBRATING THE RCIA MINISTRY AT OUR LADY OF THE PINES

This Sunday, the 5th February our parish is celebrating the RCIA Ministry at Our Lady of the Pines at the 9:30 am Mass. It will be a time to give thanks for the adults who have journeyed in faith with RCIA Catechists and received the Sacraments of Initiation at Our Lady of the Pines.

Volunteer catechists who carry out the responsibility of sharing God's Word, will also be acknowledged.

Parishioners will appreciate a trip down memory lane with a photo display of RCIA from 2006 to 2022 and are invited to enjoy a celebratory morning tea after Mass.

Volunteers - We need your help

Can you spare 1 hour a month ?

A number of our existing volunteers are retiring from their roles, placing pressure on the remaining volunteers.

Children's Liturgy. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), Altar Servers and the Audio Visual Team are all in need of your help.

We encourage and welcome students with computer skills to assist with the Audio Visual role. Training will be provided.

Please contact Maria Carey, our Pastoral Worker, on 0458 756 258 if you are able to assist.

Assistance with shopping needed

Can you spare a few hours each fortnight to assist a disabled member of our community attend to her shopping needs? Taxi transportation will be provided, all you need to do is assist pushing a wheelchair whilst out and about in stores and supermarkets. **Please contact Maria Carey on 0458 756 258 if you are able to help.**

Welcome Back Fr Jerald

So pleased to welcome back Fr Jerald from his short break. We are so happy to have you back in our midst.



Pastoral Care Appeal 2023

Next weekend is the Pastoral Care Appeal in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Each year a special collection is conducted in all parishes, so that the vital work of the Catholic Chaplains can continue. The Chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year in hospitals, prisons and youth justice centres. Your gift can help people find comfort and hope as they go through some of their darkest times of their life. Please give generously. You can donate using the envelopes available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.



World Day of Prayer 2023 Friday March 3rd

Morning service

10.00am

Trinity Lutheran Church

51 Victoria Street, Doncaster

Speaker: Craig Petty from Compassion

www.compassion.com.au

Evening Service

7.30pm

St Clement of Rome Church

7-21 Egan Drive, Bulleen

Speaker: Rev Swee Ann Koh from
Manningham Uniting Church

ALL WELCOME. Refreshments after the service.

Service written in Taiwan. Theme "I have heard about your faith".

For further information contact - 9842 2995 or 9850 1150

News from St Patrick's Cathedral

When we approach a new year, our minds often turn to new beginnings and resolutions, but the passing from one year to the next is also a time of remembering and farewelling. Christians have always had a sense of living on a threshold—treasuring the memories and stories of God's presence with us in all the days that have gone before while stepping hopefully into a new day. This was perhaps especially the case as we marked the beginning of *this* new year.

On 31 December, we received the sad news of the death of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, otherwise known as Josef Ratzinger. And last Sunday, almost a month later, a memorial Mass was celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral, in which Archbishop Peter A Comensoli reflected on the great gift that Benedict was—and will continue to be—to the Church. One of the most significant Catholic theologians of the last century, Benedict also faithfully showed us that Christ is 'the light by which to live', as Archbishop Comensoli observed in his homily. We have also republished a tribute from Australian Professor Tracey Rowland, an international expert on the theology of Josef Ratzinger, in which she reflects on Benedict's legacy, his rich theology and his simple, childlike piety. And Christian Bergmann shares three ways in which Pope Benedict changed his approach to faith altogether.

Recently at St Patrick's Cathedral, three men embarked on their own new beginnings as they were ordained to the priesthood. This week we hear from Fr Huy Nguyen, whose journey has led him from Vietnam to Melbourne to follow God's call. He talks about this vocation, about what it means to become the person God is calling us to be, and the message that he hopes will be central to his ministry.

The late Leopoldine ('Poldi') Mimovich was also someone who knew about vocation, and about what it means to relinquish an old life in order to take hold of a new one. As part of our ongoing 'Moments of Grace' series, we hear the inspiring story of a faithful and gifted artist, whose capacity to see and uncover the beauty hidden in ordinary things and circumstances continues to bless and inspire the people of God in Melbourne and beyond.

Finally, as students return to schools this week, we look ahead to Safer Internet Day, which will be observed on Tuesday 7 February with the theme of 'Connect. Reflect. Protect.' It's an opportunity to talk with our loved ones about some of the benefits, but also the dangers, of the online world, so the Archdiocese of Melbourne's Safeguarding Unit has pointed us to a few resources that might help us with these important conversations.

As we launch into this new year, we look forward to sharing more inspiring stories of the life of faith—stories that we hope might open up some of the rich treasures of our tradition, keep you informed and connected to the life of the Church and point always to the God who makes all things new.

**11th and 12th of Feb 2023
The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

HOSPITALITY TEAMS:

Haswell , Sowersby and Smith

READERS & COMMENTATORS:

Sat 5.00 pm: Mary Ann Payne and Ophelia Wong

Sun 9.30 am: Natalie Chim and Mark Keating

ALTAR SERVERS:

5.00pm: Jerry, Alex and Emily

9.30am: Marcus, Maya and Meagan

CHILDRENS LITURGY: Tracey Baxter and Maria Carey

MASS DRIVERS: Joan McDonald

PROJECTOR OPERATORS:

Sat 5.00 pm: Ophelia Wong

Sun 9.30am: Lucas and Antony Catanchin

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

5.00 pm: Nicole and Carlos Cordeiro

9.30 am: Joanne and Godwin Bonavia

MONEY COUNTING: GROUP 3

Keith Delzoppo, Arthur Williams, Janet Goodwin and

Noranda Lai

Piety Stall:

5.00pm : Mary Ann Payne

9.30am: Nan Perreau

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PASTORAL WORKER

Maria Carey

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12th Feb 2023

Gospel

Mt 5:20-22. 27-28. 33-34. 37

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

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	9.00am Mass
Wednesday	9.00am Mass followed by Rosary	9.00 am Communion Service
Thursday	No Mass	9.00 am Mass
Friday	9.00am Mass followed by Rosary	9.00 am Communion Service followed by Adoration
Saturday	5.00 pm Vigil 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