



Our Lady of the Pines Church

**2nd Sunday of Lent
4th and 5th of March 23
Year A**

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PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS:
Tues: 9.00 am to 4.00 pm.
Wed: 9.00 am to 5.00 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.

We pray for Better Health:

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

Recent Death:



**Our Lenten theme this year is
'Be Strong'**

Pillars stand upright, they support, they are structurally safe and sound. If just one of these three pillars is weak, the structure may collapse. And so during Lent, let's BE STRONG by ensuring we PRAY, we FAST and we be CHARITABLE. Let ALL these three pillars help us to stand upright, support us in our faith and remain spiritually

Stations of the Cross

During the season of Lent, stations of the cross will be held every Friday at 7pm at Ss Peter and Paul's Church. All are invited to walk the way of the cross to pray for special intentions.

Triumph – Lenten Program 2023

We have now completed the 2nd week of our Lenten program **Triumph** which commenced on the 23rd of Feb at OLOP. This has so far proven to be a lively program. It's not too late to join the group. The session information is below for those who would like to join in our one-hour session as we reflect on Sunday scripture readings for the weekend, with spiritual guidance provided by Fr Mark De Battista and Mother Hilda Scott OSB via Triumph—Lenten Program 2023 prepared by the Diocese of Wollongong. For more information, please refer to <https://www.dow.org.au/product/triumph-lenten-program-2023-book>.

- Wednesdays 10.15am at St Peter and Paul's Church, Doncaster East. Starts on the 22nd of Feb and ends on the 29th of March. **Contact Chery.tay@cam.org.au or 0478256363 to confirm your attendance or**
- Thursdays at 7.30pm at Our Lady of the Pines, Donvale. Starts on the 23rd of Feb and ends on the 30th of March. **Contact Maria.Carey@cam.org.au on 0458756258 to confirm your attendance**

Tereesa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. Through the Baabayn Young Mums and Bubs Group, Tereesa was able to reconnect with her culture and create a better future for her children.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2023

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/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

Columban Art Calendars at the Piety Stall

Our piety stall now has in stock a supply of Columban Calendars for 2023. There is only a few left—price at \$10.00 each.

Get yours this weekend before they run out.



PALMS FOR PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday is fast approaching and we are reaching out to any parishioners who will be able to donate about 10 palms.

If you are able to help in any way, please let the parish office know by the 10th of March please.

THANK YOU —SUNDAY 19th MARCH

On Sunday the 19th of March at our 9:30am The mass on Sunday 19th March will be dedicated to thanking Trish Keley and Tereza Rada for their dedication, commitment and support to our Parish. We look forward to sharing this mass with 2 wonderful contributors to our Parish. Please join us in saying thank you

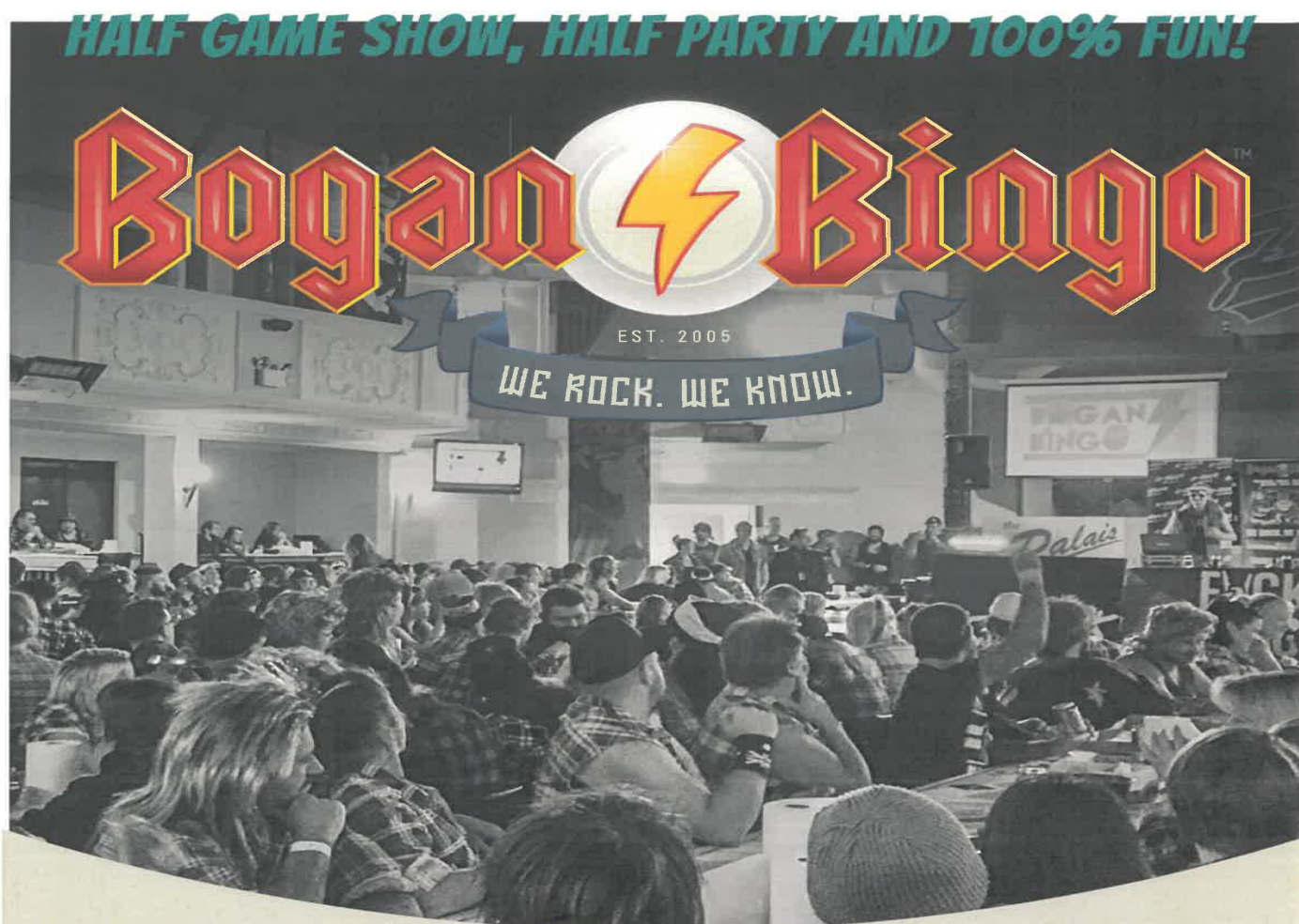
Craft Group

Our next ladies craft session will be held on Thursday the 16th of March from 12.00 to 3.00pm In the meeting place.

This is a great opportunity to get together with like minded people and enjoy your craft as well as a cuppa.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2023

Registrations are now open for children in Grades 5 and above. Lessons commenced on Wednesday 1 March. Registration will still be accepted up to the 3rd of March. The celebration Mass will be held at our Church. Please visit our website for further information.



WHEN: FRIDAY 24TH MARCH 7PM START

WHERE: OUR LADY OF THE PINES 77 CARBINE ST DONVALE

ONLY 18 YEARS AND OLDER
BYO FOOD & NIBBLES
DRINKS AT BAR PRICES
NO BYO LIQUOR

TICKETS: \$35 per person. Contact us to book
David Sowersby 0419311775
Roy Tavenor 0439668803



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**11th and 12th of March 2023
3rd Sunday of Lent**

HOSPITALITY TEAMS:

Luttick, Howell, Argæet and Bradley

READERS & COMMENTATORS:

Sat 5.00 pm: Margaret Huges and Vanessa White

Sun 9.30 am: Kathy Stewart and Geoff Mullane

ALTAR SERVERS:

5.00pm: Jerry, Alex and Emily

9.30am: Maya, Ryan and Marcus

CHILDRENS LITURGY: Long Weekend no Childrens Liturgy

MASS DRIVERS: Joan McDonald

PROJECTOR OPERATORS:

Sat 5.00 pm: Ophelia Wong

Sun 9.30am: Suraj Perera

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

5.00 pm: Rita Latimour

9.30 am: Joan McDonald & Luzanne Argæet

MONEY COUNTING: GROUP 7

Buford Ng, Jack Deady and Mirella Drago

Piety Stall: 5.00pm : Vanessa White

9.30am: Nan Perreau

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Liza Jansz - Wed 9.00 am to 5.00 pm at OLOP

Mon and Thu 9-5 and Fri 9-4 at SSPP

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PASTORAL WORKER

Maria Carey

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Year A - 3rd Sunday of Lent

12th March 2023

Gospel

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?'—Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.' 'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know: for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come—in fact it is here already—when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshiper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah—that is, Christ—is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.' believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves - 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 Mass—Communion Service
Thursday	No Mass	9.00 am Mass
Friday	9.00am Mass followed by Rosary	9.00 am Communion Service followed by Adoration 7.00pm Stations of the Cross
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