

4th Sunday of Easter 29th and 30th of April 23 Year A

OUR LADY OF THE PINES CHURCH 77 CARBINE SREET, DONVALE 3111

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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

Anniversaries:

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis tells us:

There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him.

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

Pledge to Pray

The Vocations Office in Melbourne has partnered with some others in a project, 'Pledge to Pray' - an on-line platform for individuals to pledge prayers for vocations. It is based upon the idea of the 'Invisible Monastery'. I invite you to 'pledge a prayer' for vocations at www.pledgetopray.com.au this is a site dedicated to encouraging prayer for vocations in Australia.

Morning Mass

Whilst Fr Jerald is away on Pilgrimage, Fr Kevin has kindly offered to preside at our weekday masses. All weekday morning mass will commence at 9.30am.

Welcome to Fr Yon and Seminarians

This weekend we welcome Fr Yon and the Seminarians from the Society of the Divine Word who will be singing at our 9.30am Mass.

We thank you all for joining us and look forward to joining you in song and prayer at the 9.30am Mass. Fr Yon will also be with us at our 5.00pm Mass .

Mother's Day Raffle

Our Fundraising Committee has organised a Mother's Day raffle. Tickets are now on sale after Masses. There will be preserves on sale too - Jams & chutney available as part of the fund raising efforts.

The Raffle will be drawn on Mother's Day. Don't forget to get your tickets .



Mass to celebrate the 50^{th} Anniversary of the Passionist Family Group Movement within Australia will take place on the weekend of 6^{th} and 7^{th} May at Our Lady of the Pines.

Saturday evening @ 5:00 pm and Sunday @ 9:30 am.

Please come along and help celebrate this milestone.

Past FG members most welcome.

If you are in contact with past FG members, please pass on this information.

All Volunteers - Is Your Working With Children Check (WWCC) Current?

As such it is a requirement of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne to ensure that our volunteers have a valid WWCC.

If you are a volunteer and engage in work for the Parish for more than 5 days in the same calendar year you are required to provide a current WWCC.

Thank you to all volunteers that have forwarded your WWCC to our office. Unfortunately, several WWCC on our records have expired.



Parish Council

As part of an audit process, could we ask all parishioners who are contributing to the "Thankgiving" by either regular direct debit or a bulk payment transfer, to check to see that these deductions/ payment are occurring. If not, can you please contact the Parish Office on 0473 873 479 for assistance in correcting the process.

Volunteers - Child Safeguarding Training

In order to ensure the safety of all members of our community, the Archdiocese also requires volunteers within our Parish to complete a Child Safeguarding training module in addition to obtaining a Working with Children Check.

It's important to note that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, and this training module isn't just applicable to children and young people but also extends to all vulnerable individuals in our community. We want to create an environment where everyone feels safe, empowered, and valued, regardless of age.

The Child Safeguarding training module can be accessed through the website www.safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org and takes only 30-40 minutes to complete. To access the training, you'll need to provide your WWCC number.

For those who prefer face-to-face training, group sessions will be scheduled, details will be emailed to volunteers next week.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Maria Carey at maria.carey@cam.org.au.

Children's Liturgy Volunteers Needed

Volunteers needed for Children's Liturgy during Mass. If you have a love for children and a desire to help them grow in their faith, please contact the parish office or email maria.carey@cam.org.au. Thank you for your support.

PARISH AGM

The parish AGM has been set for Sunday the 18th of June after the 9.30am Mass. Could we invite all ministry co-ordinators / leaders to have their annual report submitted to the Parish Office by Monday the 22nd of May at the very latest. Please email this to donvale@cam.org.au. Thank you.

Charismatic Prayer Group

St Peter and Paul's Charismatic Prayer Group meets every Tuesday at 7.00pm in church to praise and worship our Lord. Please ring Bernadette on 040 007 708 if you have any queries or would like to attend.

6th and 7th of May -5th Sunday of Easter

HOSPITALITY TEAMS:

Cruz, Silva and Perreau

READERS & COMMENTATORS:

Sat 5.00 pm: James Beckford and Mary Wynack Sun 9.30 am: Kathy Stewart and Geoff Mullane

ALTAR SERVERS:

5.00pm: Maya, Jerry and Emily 9.30am: Daniel, Constance and Tiana

CHILDRENS LITURGY: Lizzy Kay and Maria Carey

MASS DRIVERS: Suzanne and Mark Keating

PROJECTOR OPERATORS:

Sat 5.00 pm: Maria and Lyn Sun 9.30am: Chris Chhajed

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

Rose and Richard Chapman 5.00 pm: 9.30 am: Monica Luttick and Jill Howell

MONEY COUNTING: GROUP 6—Marie Christensen, Chris

Haswell and Joan McDonald Piety Stall: 5.00pm: Rita Latimour

9.30am: Nan Perreau

PARISH PRIEST: Fr Jerald Mariadas 0473 873 479

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Peter Given

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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 Email: donvale@cam.org.au or

liza.jansz@cam.org.au **PASTORAL WORKER**

Maria Carey

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Year A - 5th Sunday of Easter 7th May 2023

Gospel

Jn 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place,

I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are

going, so how can we know the way?'

Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall

be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you

all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? 'To have seen me is to have seen the Father.

so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?

Do you not believe

that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say

that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other

reason. 'I tell you most solemnly,

whoever believes in me

will perform the same works as I do myself,

he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

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	9.30 am Mass
Wednesday	9.30 am Mass followed by Rosary	9.00 am Communion Service
Thursday	No Mass	9.30am Mass
Friday	9.30am Mass followed by Rosary	9.00am Communion Service
Saturday	5.00pm Mass	9.30am and 6.00pm Mass
Sunday	9.30am Mass followed by Rosary	8.00am and 11.15am Mass