

H E I S R I S E N

# Easter

## Easter Sunday

8th and 9th of April 23

Year

OUR LADY OF THE PINES CHURCH  
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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:

## Christ Has Risen! Alleluia!

The year has really flown by and here we are celebrating Easter. Yet, in many ways we need Easter like never before.

We continue to live in uncertain and rapidly changing times. We face daily the pressing challenges of finances, the friction and violence between nations, as well as natural disasters affecting so many parts of the world as well as our own land Australia. And because we live in a "global village" with instant communication, we are constantly aware of events the moment they occur anywhere in the world. Add to all this our own personal and family struggles.

In such a world we truly do need the peace and hope that only God can bring us. Holy Week and Easter are a celebration of real hope and love a love stronger than hatred, violence and death. Easter gives us an opportunity to experience this peace and love as we gather to pray and worship.

As we celebrate another Easter, we are reminded of our responsibility to live as disciples of Jesus, reflecting in our own lives the love for each of us that Jesus showed by giving His life on the Cross so that we, too, may come to believe and hope in the Son of God and in the eternal life He promised to us all.

On behalf of all who participated, we want to thank those who gave so generously of their time, energy and creativity to make our Holy Week such a prayerful and inspiring experience. A Big Thank You to our Sacristans, Lectors, Ministers of the Eucharist, Altar Servers and the children and young people involved in our Holy Week and Easter Services. A special Thank You to those who care for and arrange our flowers, and to all who worked behind the "scenes" to decorate and set up the Church. Our gratitude also goes out to our Liturgy Committee, whom through we were able to travel through the mysteries of Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord very closely and intensely. Your generosity and enthusiasm are a part of what helps to raise us up and makes Easter happen anew. A special Thank You to Fr Kevin who has been with us through most of our Easter Liturgies.

And a very special Thank You to everyone who joined us over these grace-filled days. It is in our community that we come to know God's deepest blessings. May the joy that is Easter, dance within each heart.

Happy Easter . Fr Jerald

## Parish Council

As part of an audit process, could we ask all parishioners who are contributing to the "Thanksgiving" 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.

## Laurien Johnstone

After many years of running our Ladies Coffee Group, Laurien Johnstone will be stepping down from her role. We would like to Thank Laurien for giving her time so freely all these years towards our Ladies Coffee Group. Thank you Laurien.



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

As a community that values the safety and well-being of all children, we take seriously our responsibility to provide a safe environment for them to learn and grow in their faith.

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

16th April 2023 At 2.00pm

DIVINE MERCY  
*Sunday*

At Ss Peter and Paul's Church



"Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to divine mercy."

(St. Faustina's Diary, p. 132)



Mass to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Passionist Family Group Movement within Australia will take place on the weekend of 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion –past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow ***For All Future Generations***.



## Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2023 Lenten appeal.

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 and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413.

## 15th and 16th of April - 2nd Sunday of Easter

### HOSPITALITY TEAMS:

Aileen, Dolly, Corrinne and Jo Ann Ng

### READERS & COMMENTATORS:

**Sat 5.00 pm:** Mary Ann Payne and Ophelia Wong

**Sun 9.30 am:** Judy Brophy and Margaret Bentley

### ALTAR SERVERS:

**5.00pm:** Jeanelle , Emily and Jerry

**9.30am:** Ryan, Jasmine and Rosa

**CHILDRENS LITURGY:** School Holidays

**MASS DRIVERS:** Suzanne and Mark Keating

### PROJECTOR OPERATORS:

**Sat 5.00 pm:** Carlos Cordeiro

**Sun 9.30am:** Lukas and Antony Catanchin

### WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

**5.00 pm:** Gill and James Beckford

**9.30 am:** Joanne and Godwin Bonavia

**MONEY COUNTING: GROUP 3**—Keith Delzoppo, Arthur Williams, Janet Godwin and Noranda Lai

**PARISH PRIEST:** Fr Jerald Mariadas 0473 873 479

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### CHAIR OF PASTORAL COUNCIL

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Liza Jansz - Wed 9.00 am to 5.00 pm at OLOP

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### PASTORAL WORKER

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## Year C - 2nd Sunday of Easter 16th April 2023

### Gospel

Jn 20:19-31'

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said: Receive the Holy Spirit, for those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven: for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe. There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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