

**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  
 Fri: 9.00 am to 3:00 pm

We may also be contacted at Ss Peter and Paul Parish, on 9842 1480 on

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, Belinda Swan

Dear Parish Community,

Today we celebrate the feast of the Ascension of the Lord. Let's reflect on its significance and relevance to our lives today.

The Ascension represents Jesus' triumph and His assurance that He's eternally present, interceding for us and guiding us from above.

Here are some key takeaways:

**Christ's Kingship:** The Ascension signifies Jesus' exaltation and kingship over all creation.

**The Promise of the Holy Spirit:** Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to empower and guide His disciples. Today, the Holy Spirit dwells within each one of us, equipping us with spiritual gifts and enabling us to live out our faith boldly.

**Our Mission and Purpose:** The Great Commission applies to us today. We are called to share the good news of Christ's love and salvation, making disciples and bringing hope to a broken world.

**Our Hope and Future Glory:** The Ascension offers us hope for the future. Jesus promised to prepare a place for us in His Father's house and assured us that He will come again to take us to be with Him.

May the Ascension of the Lord bring comfort, strength, and a deep sense of purpose to each one of us.

Blessings

Father Jerald

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2<sup>nd</sup> prize \$300  
3<sup>rd</sup> prize \$200

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on each of the first Sundays  
from June - October

Only 100 tickets will  
be sold so don't delay -  
order yours today.

Winners will be drawn on  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Oct at our  
OLOP Italian Festa  
Price: \$100 each

Tickets on sale after Masses, or by  
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## ***Interested in Making a Difference through Caring for Vulnerable and Isolated People ?***

BaptCare in Doncaster East are running  
a Spiritual Care Volunteer Program  
from 15 June—17 Aug.

This training includes an understanding  
of the Aging Journey, grief and loss, de-  
mentia, spirituality in aging, good com-  
munication, transitions to new homes  
and boundaries and self care.

This is particularly beneficial for those  
that provide communion to the sick  
and elderly.

For more information contact Lauren  
Laing on 0415 806 588 or email  
[sc.admin@baptcare.org.au](mailto:sc.admin@baptcare.org.au)

## **Mother's Day Raffle Winners Our Congratulations go to**

1St Prize	Fluer Cuthbert
2nd	Gabrielle Collins
3rd	Anita Arbagent
4th	Juanita Monahan

*Please note that preserves will still be on sale*

## **Anointing Mass for the Sick Tues 23 May 11am, Saints Peter & Paul Parish**

Please share/invite those who may benefit from  
attending. You may also wish to attend to pray  
for the intentions of family and friends who are  
unwell. Mass will be celebrated by Fr Jerald,  
and will be followed by a light luncheon. Every-  
one is most welcome to attend. Transport can  
be arranged if required. Please contact the par-  
ish office to make arrangements. **Please note  
there will be no 9am mass that morning.**

### Volunteers—Working With Children Check

Reminder to Volunteers—If you have received an email from our Parish office, please ensure that you respond by confirming one of the following:

1. I am no longer a volunteer
2. I volunteer, for less that 5 days in a year
3. I am a volunteer and attach a copy of my WWCC

This will allow our office to update our records.

Thank you for your support and cooperation



### Volunteers—Safeguarding Essentials Training

To all Volunteers that have received an email

regarding this

If you require any assistance with completing your training please visit the Parish Office on Tues, Wed or Friday's and Maria will be more than happy to sit with you and help you.

Thank you for your continued dedication and support to our Parish.

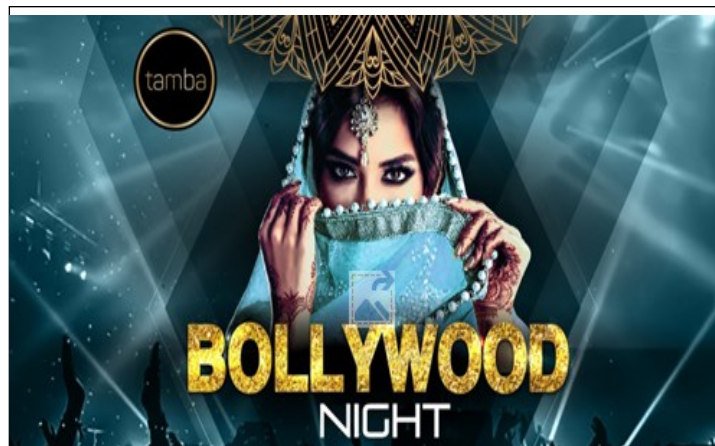


### The Mary MacKillop Heritage

Centre in East Melbourne is proud to present a new exhibition that explores the significance of the cross in Mary MacKillop's life.

Visitors will be able to view objects from the museum's collection of Josephite emblems and crosses, while activity sheets will be available for young people to enjoy.

For all enquiries, call the Sisters of Saint Joseph on 9926 9300.



### Social Event Save the Date:

Friday 23rd June

Will be a great evening

**27th and 28th May 2023  
Pentecost Sunday**

**HOSPITALITY TEAMS:**

Luffick, Howell, Argae, Bradley

**READERS & COMMENTATORS:**

Sat 5.00 pm: Margaret Hughes and Mary Ann Payne

Sun 9.30 am: Juanita and Patrick Monahan

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

5.00pm: Maya, Tiana and Rafael

9.30am: Ryan, Emily and Rosa

**CHILDRENS LITURGY:** Lizzy Kay and Maria Carey

**MASS DRIVERS:** Jill Howell

**AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS:**

Sat 5.00 pm: Gabrielle

Sun 9.30am: Bruce Stewart

**WELCOMING COMMITTEE:**

5.00 pm: Nicole and Carlos Cordeiro

9.30 am: Peter and Kath Given

**MONEY COUNTING: GROUP 9** Geoff Mullane, David

Sowersby, Anna Basa and Claire Davis

**Piety Stall: 5.00pm :** Mary Ann Payne

9.30am: Mirella Drago

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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

Tue, Wed and Fri: 8.30-am 3:00pm

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**Year A - Pentecost Sunday**

**28th May 2023**

**Gospel**

[Jn 20:19-23](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*As the Father sent me, so I send you:  
Receive the Holy Spirit.*

In the evening of 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.'

**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	9:00am Communion Service
Thursday	No Mass	9.00 am Mass
Friday	9.00am Mass followed by Rosary	9.00 am Communion Service
Saturday	5.00 pm Vigil Mass	9.00 am and 6.00pm Masses
Sunday	9.30 am Mass followed by Rosary	8.00 am and 11.15 am Masses