

# 5th Sunday of Easter 6th and 7th of May 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:

## **50th Anniversary of Family Groups**

Congratulations on 50 amazing years!

What is a Family Group? The Passionist Family Group Movement aims to build Christian community through the development of extended families. With Ioneliness and isolation so prevalent in our society, there is a genuine need for people to know and support each other. Family Groups create an extended family atmosphere within the community and are open to everyone. Their focus is on people caring for, loving and accepting each other. Love one another as I have loved you. Family Groups provide an extended family for all who wish to belong – married, single or divorced, young, old or inbetween. There is a giving and receiving by all members of the group to each other. Everyone is welcome to join. The Passionist Family Group Movement was established in 1972 by Fr Peter McGrath cp at St Anthony in the Fields Catholic Church, Terry Hills in the northern suburbs of Sydney, Australia.

If you are interested in joining a family group, please speak with Judy Brophy or Peter Given.

#### 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, except for the 12th of May when mass will commence at 9.00 as Fr Jerald will be back.

#### **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.

#### 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

## **OLOP** super draw

Win \$5,000

1st prize \$4,000

2nd prize \$300

3rd prize \$200

Only 100 numbers being sold!!

Drawn on Sunday 15th October ,2023 at our Italian Festa function

Purchase of a number also entitles you to win \$100 at each draw on the first Sunday of each month - commencing the 4th of June

#### Got to be in it to win it!!

Numbers for sale after Masses

Or contact Stephen Kay on 0407392763 - skay@bigoind.net.au

David Sowersby on 0419311775—david@walshewhitelock.com.au

Or

Parish office on 0473873479—Donvale @cam.org.au

#### 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.

#### 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.

# 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 Pastoral Council & Finance Committees - Updates - May, 2023

Below are summaries of matters discussed at our April PPC & Finance meetings.

#### **OH&S & Environmental**

- The Meeting Place needs a good "spring clean". Working-bee to be arranged.
- The storeroom in The Worship Centre needs tidying and clearing of non-utilised items.

#### **Financials**

- We welcomed Annette Cruz, our new honorary accountant.
- Thanksgiving/Sacrificial/Stewardship Offering monitoring income streams. Need for parishioners check to see if deductions are still occurring.
- Thanksgiving/Sacrificial/Stewardship Offering Envelopes. In a major cost saving, OLOP will now print our own envelopes. Minor changes – update soon. Direct Debit preferred.

#### Community

- The 50-year anniversary of Family Groups in Australia.
- **VINNIES** This update from our Vinnies Conference is impressive and an indication of the work this band of volunteers undertakes in our local and wider community....Established for 20 years, with approximately 20 members, servicing Donvale (6 calls per month), a residential house (approximately 50 rooms) and a 300 residential apartment block, both in South Melbourne. Donvale distributes more than any other Conference in Vic., supplying household furniture/equipment and assistance with living costs (up to \$7000/month for utility expenses and arrears). Also supporting children/families in the transition from primary to secondary schooling via bursaries (8 X \$1500).

#### Standing items on the PPC agenda – updates included.

- Archdiocese 'Mission' Plan. Fr. Jerald mentioned that some parishes had progressed along the Mission Plan. There are clergy conferences in June/July which may provide updates as to what is occurring in the Archdiocese.
- COVID Nil issues/updates. OLOP is following government/Archdiocese directions.
- Child Safety Policy. Maria Carey and Kathy Stewart are the two OLOP Parish representatives. A recent meeting with the Archdiocese Child Safety Committee revealed that OLOP was below average re the "Working with Children" permits. 154 outstanding 30 expired and 124 not received. There will be a requirement for re-training every 3 years, not onerous, and involving a re-signing of the Code of Conduct. OLOP are compliant repolicies and posters.

**Fr. Jerald's appointment & replacement** There is no advice to date. It is hoped the Vicar General will be in contact with the PPC to seek input as to the attributes of the new Parish Priest that would best suit our community.

#### **Future Work**

- OLOP Parish Mission Statement Review
- Parish Pastoral Plan

#### **Peter GIVEN**

Chairperson - OLOP PPC.

# 13th and 14th of May - 6th Sunday of Easter

**HOSPITALITY TEAMS:** 

Christensen, Nolan and McDonald

**READERS & COMMENTATORS:** 

**Sat 5.00 pm:** Rita Latimour and Trish Gurney **Sun 9.30 am:** Anna Basa and Leonard Healy

ALTAR SERVERS:

**5.00pm:** Jeanelle, Andre and Alex **9.30am:** Ken, Ryan and Rosa

CHILDRENS LITURGY: Anne Khoo and Sue Keating

MASS DRIVERS: Suzanne and Mark Keating

**PROJECTOR OPERATORS:** 

Sat 5.00 pm: Ophelia Wong
Sun 9.30am: Surajj Perera
WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

5.00 pm: Ozzie Mendonca9.30 am: Monica and Jill Luttick

MONEY COUNTING: GROUP 7—Buford Ng, Jack Deady and

Mirella Drago

**Piety Stall: 5.00pm :** Anne Khoo **9.30am:** Janet Goodwin

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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

Tue, Wed and Fri: 8.30-am to 3.15pm Email: maria.carey@cam.org.au

Tel: 0458756258

## Year A - 6th Sunday of Easter 14th May 2023

### Gospel

Jn 14:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father,

and he will give you another Advocate

to be with you for ever,

that Spirit of truth

whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him;

but you know him,

because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans;

I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me;

but you will see me,

because I live and you will live.

On that day

you will understand that I am in my Father

and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps

them

will be one who loves me;

and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,

and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

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	9.00am 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