



**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
12th and 13th of August
2023
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 ,
David McDonald , Belinda Swan ,
Rose Hoey

Recent Death: John Lazzari

Anniversary: Fiona Faulkner

**WELCOME
FR TOAN**

Welcome to Fr Toan Nguyen

Welcome to our community Fr Toan. It's great to have you here at Our Lady of the Pines Church.

WELCOME

John Lazzari

It is with the heaviest of hearts we advise the community that John Lazzari went home to God on Wednesday the 9th of August.

He had been a stalwart of this community from being the Chairman of the Parish Council to being our Pastoral Associate to being co-ordinator of our ministers for the sick. He was always of great support to our various Parish Priest and an inspiration to many. John always helped anyone where he could. He will be sorely missed .

John's Funeral will be held on the Thursday the 17th of August at 11.00am.

Lord our God, we remember John and give thanks for his life. We pray for the repose of his soul and for comfort for those who mourn him.

May he rest in peace. Amen.

Feast of the Assumption

Tuesday the 15th of August, is the Feast of the Assumption. We will be having a morning mass with the school at 9.30am to celebrate this feast day. In view of this there will be no morning mass on Wednesday the 16th of August. We invite you to join us for mass at Ss Peter and Paul's Church at 9.00am on that day.

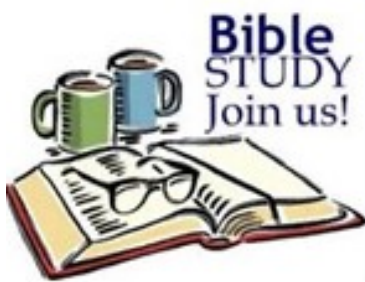
On Sunday the 20th of August at our 9.30am Mass, we will be celebrating our Parish Feast Day as a community .

We invite you all to bring a plate to share as we come together to celebrate our feast day together.

Expressions of Interest: Join Our Bible Study Group!

We're considering starting a Bible Study Group right here in our parish, and we want to know if you're interested in joining us on this faith-filled journey.

The Bible holds timeless teachings that can enrich our lives and deepen our understanding of spirituality. Whether you're a seasoned reader or new to its pages, this group will provide a space to come together, share thoughts, and explore the wisdom within.



If this sounds intriguing to you, please express your interest by emailing Maria Carey at maria.carey@cam.org.au. and whether you prefer a day or evening meeting group. Your email will help us gauge the level of interest and plan accordingly.

Let's embark on this enriching adventure of studying the Bible together. Your thoughts and ideas are valuable to us.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

RCIA, the means by which adults become members of the Catholic Church within the local parish community, will commence at Our Lady of the Pines in September.

A dedicated group of parishioners is prepared to encourage and support:

- Those who are unbaptised and drawn to Christianity, but may not come from a Christian or religious background.
- Baptised Christians seeking to become full sacramental members of the Catholic Church
- Catholics who were baptised but did not receive catechetical formation or instruction, and who typically did not celebrate the sacraments of Confirmation or Holy Eucharist.

Our relationship with God is as unique as we are individuals, and so our journeys in faith are personal and different. Yet we all need the support of each other, the local parish community and the whole Church for that faith to grow and flourish.

The Catholic family comprises more than 1.2 billion people around the world, who find meaning, solace and God's grace through their Catholic faith, and you, or someone you love, can be one of them!

Contact the parish office to explore the possibility of engaging in RCIA. Mary Ann Payne will be pleased to speak with you.

Reaching Out to Our Beloved Parishioners in Nursing Homes

As a caring and tight-knit community, we always strive to ensure that all members of our parish feel connected and included, regardless of their circumstances.

If you know of any former parishioners who are currently residing in nursing homes and unable to attend Mass, we kindly ask you to reach out to us. Your assistance will allow us to extend our warm embrace and spiritual support to those who may be feeling disconnected.

For those in nursing homes located within a feasible distance, we are eager to arrange visits and offer the opportunity to receive communion if desired. It's a meaningful way to remind our fellow parishioners that they remain an integral part of our church family.

PPC & Finance Committee – Updates

- The PPC & Finance Committee are preparing to brief Fr. Toan on his arrival. Matters on which we will be briefing include; PPC/Finance functionality, Child Safety policy, the Archdiocese Mission plan and the OLOP financial situation.
- Work is being undertaken to audit the Thanksgiving/Sacrificial Offering/Stewardship program to ensure all who wish to contribute via direct debit (credit card etc.) or pledging via the parish website, are accounted for. We are aware that there have been some issues during and post COVID where requests to set up a donation process did not progress and some who have changed banking particulars also dropped off. The Finance Committee would ask you to check your statements to see that your financial support is being received and if you need to re-set or set up a process, to please contact the parish office. The Thanksgiving/Sacrificial Offering/Stewardship program is the mechanism by which OLOP can remain financial and service our community.
- There have been cases recently where spam e-mails have been distributed under the names of members of our parish – hijacked e-mail addresses. Please be careful when checking e-mails, particularly those with attachments or links. If not sure, don't open.
- VINNIES – The OLOP community donated \$8337.15 to the Vinnies' Winter Appeal. A tremendous effort in supporting not only the work of Vinnies, but also supporting those in OLOP who work in this ministry. In the 2022/2023 financial year, the OLOP Conference distributed \$96,897 in support across their areas of responsibility.



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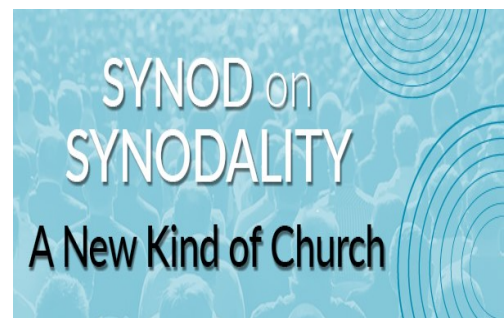
Friday 25th August at 7pm
Our Lady of the Pines
77 Carbine Street, Donvale

Dress the part (optional) – come in your pyjamas and Ugg boots – bring a blanket – relax in your favourite onesie – just like you would in your own lounge room.

Enjoy a great night of entertainment watching an award winning film, and support our OLOP fund raising program.

For bookings contact:-
Joan McDonald 0402056819
Clare Davis 9842 2991 - school
Roy Tavenor 0439668803

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Further to previous items in the newsletter concerning a webinar on the Synod on Synodality, the video of the event is now available to view online at the following link:

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HOSPITALITY TEAMS:

Payne, Delzoppo, Keating and Yang

READERS & COMMENTATORS:

Sat 5.00 pm: James Beckford and Mary Wynack

Sun 9.30 am: Jo Ann Ng and Ross Stewart

ALTAR SERVERS:

5.00pm: Jeanelle, Nick and Rafael

9.30am: Constance, Emily and Tiana

CHILDRENS LITURGY: Anna Basa and Vena Pena

MASS DRIVERS: John and Judy Brophy

PROJECTOR OPERATORS:

Sat 5.00 pm: Lisa

Sun 9.30am: Chris

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

5.00 pm: Rita Latimour

9.30 am: Joan McDonald and Luzanne Argaet

MONEY COUNTING: GROUP 3 — Arthur, Jane and Noranda

Piety Stall: 5.00pm : Rita Latimour

9.30am: Mirella Drago

PARISH PRIEST: Fr Toan Nguyen

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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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liza.jansz@cam.org.au

PASTORAL WORKER

Maria Carey

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Readings

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said, 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord', she said, 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah, yes, Sir; but even house dogs can eat up the scraps that fall from their master's table. 'Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.'

- And from that moment her daughter was well again.
- Have you ever felt unfairly treated and had to stick up for yourself?

DID YOU KNOW?

- The cities of Tyre and Sidon were the leading towns of ancient Phoenicia. Both cities were on the Mediterranean coast of what is now modern Lebanon. The Phoenicians were descendants of the even more ancient Canaanites who populated the area earlier.
- Israel despised the Canaanites. It loathed the Canaanite religion with its pagan gods and fertility cults and found many of their practices abominable.

Extract from "The Summit" Journal

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	9.30am Mass—Feast of the Assumption of Mary	9.00 am Communion Service
Wednesday	No Mass	9.30am Mass
Thursday	No Mass	9.30am Mass
Friday	9.30am Mass followed by Rosary	9.00am Communion Service
Saturday	5.00pm Mass	9.00am Communion Service and 6.00pm Mass
Sunday	9.30am Mass followed by Rosary	8.00am and 11.15am Mass