



**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
19th and 20th 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, Tony Tome

Recent Death:

Anniversary:

Parish Feast Day

Happy feast day everyone. What a year it has been especially after saying goodbye to 2 longstanding members of our community just recently. We invite you to come together after mass on Sunday the 20th of August to celebrate all that is good and wonderful in our community and to celebrate community. If you are able to attend could we kindly ask you to bring a plate to share.

First Holy Communion Mass

Holy Communion Mass will be celebrated here at Our Lady of the Pines on Sunday the 27th of August at 11.30am.

In order to facilitate the setting up of the church for this special mass for our school children, we advise that there will be no tea and coffee after mass on that day.

We are very grateful for your understanding. This will enable the school team to set the church in readiness for the arrival of the school families. Thank you.

Parish Newsletters

We would like to advise that with immediate effect, all future parish newsletters will now be printed on the Thursday prior to weekend masses. Should anyone have an entry for the Parish Newsletter please ensure that this is forwarded to the Parish Office by 5.00pm on the Wednesday. Thank you for your assistance with this.

SAVE THE DATE



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SEPTEMBER 20TH
SUPER CAST WILL BE
ANNOUNCED SHORTLY.



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)

Those seeking to learn more about the Catholic Faith, with a view to becoming full sacramental members of the Catholic Church are warmly invited to participate in the new season of RCIA which commences in September at Our Lady of the Pines Parish. An enthusiastic group of parishioners are dedicated to sharing their faith and knowledge in a welcoming non-judgemental way. The RCIA is suitable for adults who are not Baptised, persons Baptised in other Christian traditions Baptised Catholics who never received the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and/or Confirmation. For more information speak to Father Toan or ring Mary Ann Payne on 9842 6474, mob 0412 049 841, email: mapayne77@gmail.com to find out more.

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.

Please contact Maria Carey at maria.carey@cam.org.au with the details of any individuals you have in mind. Your input will enable us to better serve our community and ensure that everyone continues to feel the love and fellowship that defines our parish.

COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR

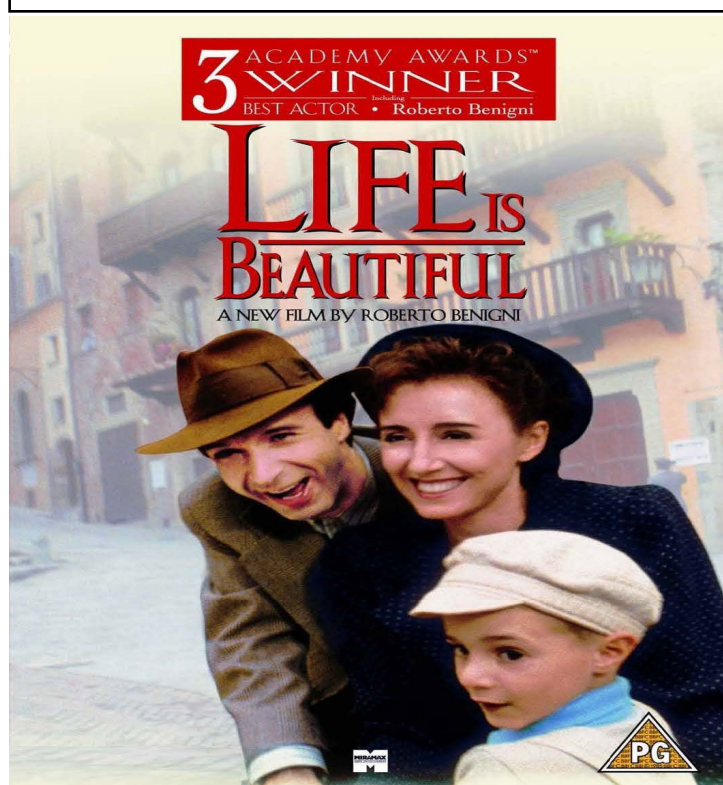


Columban Art Calendars 2024 are no available in the Piety stall for purchase. There are only a few copies available.

Please get your copy as soon as possible.

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 – highjacked 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.



A rich and spiritual film that shows us how to cope with the unexpected and smile through the unbearable

JOIN US FOR AN INSPIRING MOVIE NIGHT

Entry \$30 per person – includes a sausage sizzle, complimentary glass of wine followed by movie snacks like popcorn, ice cream and cheese & biscuits.

No BYO alcohol – drinks at bar prices Only for 18 years and older

For bookings contact:-

Joan McDonald 0402056819
Clare Davis 9842 2991 - school
Roy Tavenor 0439668803

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.

**26th and 27th of August 2023 -
21th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

HOSPITALITY TEAMS:

Williams, Symons and McBride

READERS & COMMENTATORS:

Sat 5.00 pm: Rita Latimour and Trish Gurney

Sun 9.30 am: Anna Basa and Leonard Healy

ALTAR SERVERS:

5.00pm: Maya, Alex and Samantha

9.30am: Constance, Marcus and Rosa

CHILDRENS LITURGY: No Childrens Liturgy

MASS DRIVERS: Janet and Pat Goodwin

PROJECTOR OPERATORS:

Sat 5.00 pm: Carlos Cordeiro

Sun 9.30am: Suraj Pereira

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

5.00 pm: Rose and Richard Chapman

9.30 am: Janet and Pat Goodwin

MONEY COUNTING: GROUP 4 — Brian, John E, John B, Joanne

Piety Stall: 5.00pm : Anne Khoo **9.30am:** Nan Perreau

PARISH PRIEST: Fr Toan Nguyen

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CHAIR OF PASTORAL COUNCIL

Peter Given

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PARISH ADMINISTRATION Tel: 0473 873 479

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

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**Year A - 21th Sunday in Ordinary Time
207h of August 2023**

Readings

Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to the disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets'. 'But you', he said, 'who do you say I am?' 'Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon, son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven: Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

'Who do you say I am?' If you were to be asked this question by Jesus, how might you respond today?

- In this passage, Jesus speaks of the Church. What are your

feelings about the Church at this point in your journey?

DID YOU KNOW?

- Caesarea Philippi is north of the region of Galilee. It was given to Herod the Great by Augustus Caesar and Herod built a white stone temple there and dedicated it to his patron. After Herod's death it passed into the hands of his son, Philip, who built his capital here —thus the name, Caesarea Philippi.

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	No Mass	9.00am Mass
Wednesday	9.00am 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 Mass and 6.00pm Mass
Sunday	9.30am Mass followed by Rosary	8.00am and 11.15am Mass