



**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
26th and 27th of August
2023—YEAR A**

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 , David McDonald , Belinda Swan , Rose Hoey , Tony Tome

Building Strong Together: Reflections on the Gospel of

Matthew 16:13-20

In just two weeks as your Parish Administrator I've been inspired by your warm welcome and deep dedication.. Last weeks Parish Feast Day and your involvement in the various ministries was evidence of this.

This weeks Gospel reading reminds us of Peter's unyielding faith in proclaiming Jesus as the Messiah—the bedrock of our beliefs.

Jesus assured us, "Upon this rock, I will build my church," affirming our unshakeable faith's foundation. Like Peter, our parish stands united, a community devoted to Christ.

Our collective faith strengthens the parish, as I have seen even in these initial weeks. Remember, Christ's unwavering presence bolsters us against adversity's tide.

Jesus asked, "Who do you say that I am?" Let our beliefs shape our actions, embodying His timeless message. As we journey forward, let's build upon this shared faith.

In Christ's Love,
Father Toan

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.

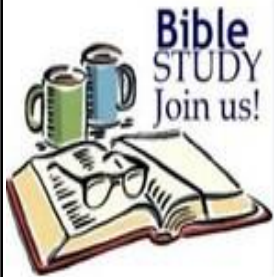
Portable Table Tennis Table Wanted

Do you have a preloved tennis table in your garage collecting dust ? Would you like to donate it for a good cause ? If so, please contact Maria Carey on 0458 756 258. All accessories welcome.

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.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

RCIA is the pathway for adults who wish to become full sacramental members of the Catholic Church. The RCIA process supports adults who are not yet baptised, persons baptised in other Christian traditions and baptised Catholics who wish to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and/or Holy Eucharist. The new season of RCIA, which has been a vibrant ministry at Our Lady of the Pines since 2005, will commence in September. General inquiries are welcome. Contact Mary Ann Payne, 9842 6474, mapayne77@gmail.com for more information.

Parish Feast Day

Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to all who joined in celebrating the Feast Day of our Parish last Sunday. A special recognition extends to our valued leaders and members of our 37 dedicated ministry groups. Your unwavering dedication truly epitomizes the resilience and unity that define the essence of our Parish community. Thank you for making this celebration a memorable occasion.



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 advise our Parish Office. Your assistance will allow us to extend our warm embrace and spiritual support.



Discover Meaningful Volunteering Opportunities!

Step up and contribute to our Parish community! Join our ministries to make a direct impact. Whether you're tech-savvy for our Audio Visual Ministry, a great storyteller for Children's Liturgy, or looking to help in other ways, your involvement matters. Contact our Pastoral Worker, Maria Carey at 0458756258 or maria.carey@cam.org.au to volunteer and enrich our parish.

2024 Columban Art Calendars are now available in the Piety stall for purchase.

Grab a copy before they sell out



Join us for a great night of footy – with AFL greats, Dermot Brereton, Peter Daicos and Terry Daniher, compered by comedian Adam Rosenbachs of Footy Show fame. It’s going to be a great night of entertainment – and memories of great mullets from the past. \$80 per person

Includes spit roast meal with beer, wine and soft drinks on

sale – no BYO. You must be 16 years or older.

Book your table or seat by contacting these OLOP members:- David Sowersby 0419 311 775
Geoff Mullane 0409 148 144 Roy Tavenor 0439 668 803 Clare Davis 9842 2991 (OLOP school).

Our Lady of The Pines, Carbine Street, Donvale – 6.45pm

OLOP Primary School Upcoming Events



Celebrating a Sacred Milestone: First Eucharist for 23 of our Primary School Students

This Sunday, August 27th, at 11:30 AM, our OLOP Primary School community comes together to celebrate a significant moment in the lives of 23 of our students – their First Eucharist.

The First Eucharist, a cherished rite of passage, marks the beginning of a deeper connection with their faith. As these young children partake in the sacrament for the first time, let us join hands in wishing them abundant blessings.

May God's grace guide their hearts, and may this sacred occasion be a source of lifelong spiritual inspiration.

Sunday 27th Aug - Year 4 First Eucharist Sacrament 11:30am

Thursday 7th Sept - Sacrament of
Reconciliation Day

Wed 13th Sept - Eucharist and
Reconciliation School Mass 9:00am

Friday 15th Sept - Last Day of School Term

2nd and 3rd September 2023 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

HOSPITALITY TEAMS:

Baird, Stewart and Separovic

READERS & COMMENTATORS:

Sat 5.00 pm: Mary Ann Payne and Ophelia Wong

Sun 9.30 am: **Natalie Chim and Mark Keating**

ALTAR SERVERS:

5.00pm: Jeanelle, Jeremy and Nick

9.30am: Daniel, Rosa and Alden

CHILDRENS LITURGY: No Childrens Liturgy

MASS DRIVER: Joan McDonald

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS:

Sat 5.00 pm: Maria and Lyn

Sun 9.30am: Lukas and Antony Catanchin

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

5.00 pm: Ozwald Mendonca

9.30 am: Joanne & Godwin Bonavia

MONEY COUNTING: GROUP 5 — Geoff M, David S, Anna B and Claire D **Piety Stall: 5.00pm** : Vanessa W **9.30am:** Janet G

PARISH PRIEST: Fr Toan Nguyen

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CHAIR OF PASTORAL COUNCIL

Peter Given

Email: olopchair@gmail.com

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Brendan Keeling: 9842 2991

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Liza Jansz - Mon, Wed Thurs and Friday SsPP 9am—4pm

Email: donvale@cam.org.au or

liza.jansz@cam.org.au

PASTORAL WORKER

Maria Carey

Tue, Wed and Fri: 8.30-am to 3.00pm

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Gospel Reading

[Matthew 16:21-27](#)

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to **Jerusalem** and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

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