



**22nd Sunday in Ordinary  
Time 2nd and 3rd Septem-  
ber 2023—YEAR A**

OUR LADY OF THE PINES CHURCH  
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[www.ourladyofthepineschurch.org](http://www.ourladyofthepineschurch.org)

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS:  
TUES—FRI 8:30AM—3:00PM

We may also be contacted at Ss  
Peter and Paul Parish, on 9842 1480  
on Tuesday—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 car-  
ing 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:**

**Father's Day**

As we approach Father's Day, let us take a moment to reflect on the profound role of fathers in our lives and in our community. Just as our Heavenly Father provides guidance, love, and support, earthly fathers embody these virtues in their own unique ways. Let us express our gratitude for their sacrifices, patience, and unwavering care. May we remember those fathers who are no longer with us and offer prayers of comfort. On this special day, let's come together as a parish family to celebrate fatherhood and the blessings it brings to our lives.

***Wishing all fathers a joyful and blessed Father's Day.***

**Father's Day Appeal - Priests Retirement Fund**

It's been a custom of the Archdiocese to show their appreciation through an annual Father's Day Appeal. The appeal goes to the care of retired and sick priests by providing suitable accommodation, medical assistance and a comfortable standard of living for them.

Father's Day Appeal envelopes have been placed in the foyer for your contribution.

Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

Thank you for your support



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**Take the Way of the Gospel**

Further to previous newsletter items on the Archdiocese's *Take the Way of the Gospel* program, this [link](#) or <https://melbournecatholic.org/uploads/documents/Collaborating-for-Mission-Regional-Consultation-Summary.pdf> will take you to a summary of the second regional consultation.

**Changes to Parish Office Hours**

Please be advised that effective Monday 4 September, our office hours will be Tuesday to Friday 8:30am— 3:00pm. The contact number for the Parish remains at

**0473 873 479**

**The office will be closed on Monday's however we can still be contacted on this no.**

**Portable Table Tennis Table**

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 0473 873 479. All Accessories welcome.

## Last Call to Join Our Bible Study Group!

Thank you to those who have responded to our Bible Study group invitation. Our intention is to convene every week for engaging discussions on various Bible passages. Your presence is eagerly anticipated in these one-hour sessions, where we aim to foster an environment of self-discovery and spiritual enrichment. Your faith will find nourishment in this consistent and meaningful gathering. If you are interested in joining us please contact Maria Carey on **0473873479** or alternatively email [maria.carey@cam.org.au](mailto:maria.carey@cam.org.au)



### COME AWAY DAY AT PASSIONIST HOLY CROSS RETREAT CENTRE, TEMPLESTOWE

The Come Away Days program resumes at Holy Cross on **Wednesday 13 September**. The theme of the day is **"Invitation to new beginnings."** The day's program provides opportunities for prayer, reflection and fellowship in the peaceful grounds and facilities of Holy Cross, situated at 207 Serpells Road, Templestowe. All are welcome. BYO lunch. Registration is from 9.30am. The day concludes at 2pm with a celebration of the Eucharist. You are invited to support these days financially according to your means, using \$25.00 per person as a guide. For further details contact Frank Burke on 0407998781 or [burke.frank942@yahoo.com.au](mailto:burke.frank942@yahoo.com.au)

### SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR COMMUNION GIVING TO OUR ELDERLY

We are seeking volunteers who would like to contribute to a meaningful endeavor by assisting with the communion service for the residents of The Heights Nursing Home in Donvale. On the 1st Tuesday of every month at 2pm, you will have the opportunity to work alongside one of our parishioners.

If you're interested in taking part in this fulfilling volunteer experience, contact Maria Carey at **0473 873 479** or via email at [maria.carey@cam.org.au](mailto:maria.carey@cam.org.au). Your support will be greatly appreciated.

### 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: [mpayne77@gmail.com](mailto:mpayne77@gmail.com) to find out more.

### Celebrate Our Dedicated Sacristans - Sunday, September 10th 9:30am

Join us Sunday, September 10th, for a special Mass dedicated to honoring our hardworking Sacristans. These devoted individuals play a vital role in creating a meaningful worship experience for our parish. Let's come together to express our gratitude and appreciation for their tireless efforts.

### You're Invited to a Virtual Discussion - Synod on Synodality Room for Everyone in Our Church

The next Synod session this October will be crucial as it will set the tone and lay the groundwork for the second Synod in October 2024.

The open consultative, listening style of the Instrumentum Laboris must be established as the normal operating procedure of the Church to enable it to regain credibility and relevance. Particular issues such as the status of women, LGBTQI+, and remarried people must be resolved responsibly.

The focus of the Synod on Synodality – Room for Everyone in Our Church convocation will be a discussion on these issues. Leading the discussion is one of the ACBC's representatives at the Synod, Shane Mackinlay, Bishop of Sandhurst (Vic) who will reflect on his hopes and expectations for the October meeting and the implications for the Church in Australia.

#### EVENT DETAILS

**WHEN:** Thursday 14 September 2023

**TIME:** 7:00 pm (AEST)\*

**WHERE:** Via Zoom

**REGISTRATION:** CLICK [HERE](#) OR enter <https://garratt1.wufoo.com/forms/rfvarx212pyoff/> into your search engine.



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

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**CHURCH  
FUNDRAISING**

**FILM NIGHT - Friday 25th August**

Thank you to all those who attended this night - a great night was enjoyed by all. Special thanks to our BBQ Chef!! From Social/Fundraising Committee



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Dermot Brereton

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**MEET THE  
CHAMPIONS**

**AT OUR OLOP SPORTS NIGHT  
WEDNESDAY 20 SEP**

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 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@bigind.net.au

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

**9th and 10th of September 2023 -  
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**HOSPITALITY TEAMS:**

Evans, Spence and Given

**READERS & COMMENTATORS:**

**Sat 5.00 pm:** Margaret Hughes and Vanessa White

**Sun 9.30 am:** Juanita and Patrick Monahan

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

**5.00pm:** Andre, Jerry and Alex

**9.30am:** Ryan, Constance and Kayden

**CHILDRENS LITURGY:** Anna Basa and Suzanne Keating

**MASS DRIVERS:** Jill Howell

**PROJECTOR OPERATORS:**

**Sat 5.00 pm:** Lisa

**Sun 9.30am:** Bruce Stewart

**WELCOMING COMMITTEE:**

**5.00 pm:** Rose and Roy Tavenor

**9.30 am:** Chris Healy

**MONEY COUNTING: GROUP 6 —** Marie C, Chris H, Joan M

**Piety Stall: 5.00pm :** Mary Ann Payne **9.30am:** Sue Keating

**PARISH PRIEST:** Fr Toan Nguyen

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**CHAIR OF PASTORAL COUNCIL**

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**PASTORAL WORKER**

Maria Carey

Tue,- Fri: 8.30-am to 3.15pm

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**Year A - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Gospel**

**Matthew 18:15-20**

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

This passage in the Bible is where Jesus instructs his followers on resolving conflicts within the Christian community. It outlines a private approach to address issues, involving witnesses if needed, and eventually seeking resolution within the church. The passage highlights the authority of believers to make decisions in accordance with God's will, and it emphasizes the power of collective prayer and Jesus' presence among those gathered. It underscores the importance of forgiveness, reconciliation, and seeking wise counsel in resolving conflicts, with applications extending beyond religious contexts.

**MASS TIMES FOR THE PARTNERED PARISHES OF OUR LADY OF THE PINES & Ss PETER & PAUL'S, DONCASTER EAST**

	<b>OLOP</b>	<b>SsPP</b>
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