



**23rd Sunday in Ordinary
Time 9th and 10th Sept
2023—YEAR A**

OUR LADY OF THE PINES CHURCH
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**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 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

Seeking Reconciliation and Unity - Matthew 18:15-20

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

This week I reflect upon the words of our Savior, as found in the Gospel of Matthew. In these verses, Jesus imparts invaluable wisdom on the subject of reconciliation and the unity of His followers.

These verses guide us on a path of reconciliation, offering both instruction and promise:

- Address conflicts privately, respecting each other's dignity.
- If needed, involve one or two witnesses to ensure fairness.
- Seek resolution within our Church community.
- Remember the importance of unity in prayer and agreement.
- God is present when we gather in His name.

As we contemplate, let us remember that our Parish is a family in Christ. Conflicts may arise, but they offer us an opportunity to grow in grace and unity. May we always strive to maintain peace, understanding, and forgiveness within our community.

Father Toan

Saint Guy of Anderlecht—Patron Saint of Sacristans

On the 12th Sept we celebrate the feast day of Saint Guy of Anderlecht.

Tender, loving hands prepare, clean and maintain vestments, vessels purificators and other altar linens, candles, candleholders, etc. **Saint Guy of Anderlecht** is the patron saint of Sacristans.

This weekend, we come together to honor and rejoice in the dedication of our remarkable Sacristans, both those who have served in the past and those who continue to labor diligently behind the scenes. They are the unsung heroes ensuring the beauty of our Parish and the seamless flow of our masses.

Being the first to arrive and the last to depart, our Sacristans embody unwavering commitment and devotion to our Parish. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to them for their tireless efforts. May the divine blessings of God accompany them in all their endeavors.

**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

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Welcome! The Catholic Church's mission is to offer people of all ages and backgrounds the opportunity to deepen their understanding and relationship with Jesus Christ. Becoming Catholic involves a journey of faith, accompanied by the support of a parish community. This process is called Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, or RCIA. During the RCIA process inquirers meet with others to share, reflect, pray and learn more about the Catholic faith. There are ceremonies or 'rites' at each stage to signify the steps along the way. If you or someone you know would like to find out more about becoming Catholic, you will be pleased to know that RCIA at Our Lady of the Pines Parish will commence in September. Contact Mary Ann Payne via the parish office for more information.



OLOP Primary School Upcoming Events

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

Friday 15th Sept - Last Day of School Term

WEDNESDAY MORNING MASS REGULARS PLEASE NOTE:

Wednesday 13th September 9:00am Mass—Whole School Mass

Please be advised that there will be a school mass on this day. If you are attending mass, please arrive early to ensure you do not miss out on a carpark.

eParish Newsletters

Have you been receiving our Parish newsletters via email? If not, would you be interested in receiving them this way? If you'd like to receive the weekly Parish newsletter electronically via email, please provide your email address to maria.carey@cam.org.au, and we'll set it up for you.

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](https://garratt1.wufoo.com/forms/rfvarx212pyoff/) OR enter <https://garratt1.wufoo.com/forms/rfvarx212pyoff/> into your search engine.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

Supporting a Safe Community

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that builds and supports safe communities for all people.

Film night

We made a profit of \$1,116 on the night .
Again thanks to all those who attended and helped out on the night .



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Dermot Brereton

DERMIE

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

CONGRATULATIONS goes out to Maria Carey as last months \$100 Super Draw winner.

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@bigoin.net.au

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

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

**16th and 17th of September 2023 -
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

HOSPITALITY TEAMS:

Aileen, Corinne, Jo Ann NG

READERS & COMMENTATORS:

Sat 5.00 pm: Lorraine Chia and Maria Carey

Sun 9.30 am: Judy Brophy and Margaret Bentley

ALTAR SERVERS:

5.00pm: Jeanelle, Eva and Jasmine

9.30am: Maya, Ryan and Aiden

CHILDRENS LITURGY: School Holidays

MASS DRIVERS: Suzanne and Mark Keating

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS:

Sat 5.00 pm: Carlos

Sun 9.30am: Leonard Healy

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

5.00 pm: Nicole and Carlos Cordeiro

9.30 am: Monica Luttick and Jill Howell

MONEY COUNTING: GROUP 6 — Shinta, Buford Ng, Jack D

Piety Stall: 5.00pm : Gillian Beckford **9.30am:** Mirella Drago

PARISH PRIEST: Fr Toan Nguyen

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CHAIR OF PASTORAL COUNCIL

Peter Given

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SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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PASTORAL WORKER

Maria Carey

Tue,- Fri: 8.30-am to 3.00pm

Email: maria.carey@cam.org.au - **Tel :** 0473873479

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.'

Readings: Year A—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Sirach 27:30 – 28:7

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Gospel : Matthew 18:21-35

I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

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