



**24th Sunday in Ordinary
Time 16th and 17th Sept
2023—YEAR A**

OUR LADY OF THE PINES CHURCH
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WEBSITE:

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, Joanne
Nolan

Changes in the Parish Office.

In the last few weeks there have been a number of changes taking place in the Parish office.

Since the arrival of Fr Toan, the decision has been made for Maria to take on the roles of both the Parish Secretary and Pastoral Worker. By combining the roles, we hope to be able reduce our Parish Payroll expense, thus helping reduce our annual deficit. Maria will be working solely for Our lady of the Pines and working 4 days a week.

The Parish Office opening hours are now Tue to Fri from 8.30am to 3.00pm . Maria will now have the Parish Mobile of which you are welcome to call during office hours.

For after hours emergencies please call 0448 722 426 . Please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

After 15 years of working for Our Lady of the Pines, Liza has now left and will be working solely for Ss Peter and Paul's Church .

In view of this we are seeking some assistance in a volunteer capacity (mornings only) to assist with taking phone calls and general admin items. Maria will be on hand to assist. If you can spare a few hours during the week and would like to discuss this role, please speak with Fr Toan or Maria. This will also be a good opportunity for those wanting to return to work to get some valuable office experience.

Should you wish to get in touch with Maria, you will be able to on the following email addresses.

Maria.carey@cam.org.au or
donvale@cam.org.au

Just a reminder of our Parish Opening Hours

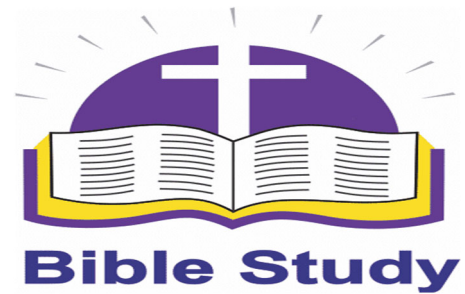
Tuesday through to Friday from 8.30pm to 3.00pm

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

It's not too late to express your interest in RCIA - the pathway to becoming a full sacramental member of the Catholic Church. A team of enthusiastic volunteers at Our Lady of the Pines is on hand to assist adults who have never been baptised, those who have been baptised in other Christian traditions and baptised Catholics who have not yet received the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and/or Confirmation. Contact Mary Ann Payne via the parish office to find out more. You'll be glad you did!



Thank you to all those who have come forward to join our Bible Study Group. We appreciate your enthusiasm and commitment. We'll communicate the start date and time soon. Remember, all are welcome to join at any time.



OLOP Primary School Upcoming Events

Friday 15th Sept - Last Day of School Term



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.

WATCH OUR STEP

FALLS PREVENTION EDUCATION SESSION

MOST FALLS ARE PREVENTABLE
LEARN HOW TO LOWER YOUR RISK

HEALTH CHECK + SCREENING

DETAILS

Wednesday the 27th of Sept &

Wednesday the 25th of Oct

Time of event - 10am - 12pm

Join us to learn more about performance health relating to falls risks among seniors. There will be education sessions and demonstrations provided by student nurses.

LOCATED AT
ST PETER & PAULS
Drop In Centre



"Embrace Gratitude: A Path to Joy"

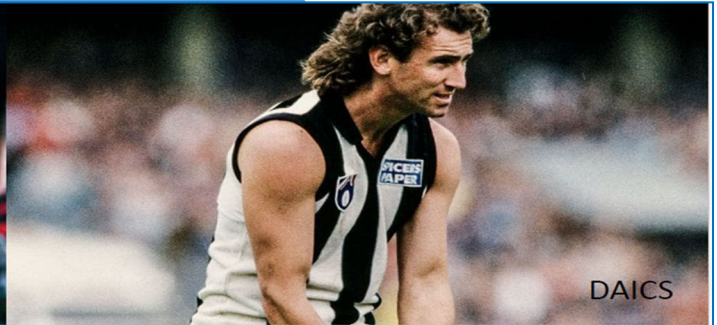
In the rush of daily life, it's easy to overlook the blessings that surround us. Yet, gratitude is a powerful practice that can deepen our faith and bring us joy. Here are a few simple ways to cultivate gratitude:

- Gratitude Journal: Write down three things you're thankful for each day.
- Prayer of Thanks: In your prayers, express gratitude to God for your blessings.
- Acts of Kindness: Extend your gratitude by helping others.
- Count Your Blessings: Reflect on your blessings during tough times.
- Share Gratitude: Let loved ones know you appreciate them.

Gratitude can open our hearts to God's love and bring more joy into our lives. Let's make it a part of our parish community's journey.



TERRY



DAICOS



Dermott 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

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@bigvind.net.au

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

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

23rd and 24th of September 2023 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

HOSPITALITY TEAMS:

Mullane, Casey and Bonavia

READERS & COMMENTATORS:

Sat 5.00 pm: James Beckford and Mary Wynack

Sun 9.30 am: Suraj Perera and Corrine Ng

ALTAR SERVERS:

5.00pm: Lynette, Tiana and Nick

9.30am: Alex, Marcus and Meagan

CHILDRENS LITURGY: School Holidays

MASS DRIVERS: John and Judy Brophy

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS:

Sat 5.00 pm: Gabrielle

Sun 9.30am: Leonard Healy

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

5.00 pm: Gill and James Beckford

9.30 am: Mirella Drago and Sue Separovic

MONEY COUNTING: GROUP 8 — Sue S, Chris Healy, Bruce S

Piety Stall: 5.00pm : Rita Latimour **9.30am:** Nan Perreau

PARISH PRIEST: Fr Toan Nguyen

Email: toan.nguyen@cam.org.au

CHAIR OF PASTORAL COUNCIL

Peter Given

Email: olopchair@gmail.com

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Brendan Keeling: 9842 2991

Email: principal@olopdonvale.catholic.edu.au

PARISH ADMINISTRATION and PASTORAL WORKER

Maria Carey

Tue,- Fri: 8.30-am to 3.00pm

Email: maria.carey@cam.org.au

Or

Donvale@cam.org.au - **Tel: 0473 873 479**

Year A - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

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

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

Next Weeks Readings

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First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

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