



**25th Sunday in Ordinary  
Time 23rd and 24th 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 ,  
Belinda Swan, Tony Tome,

Recent Deaths: Joanne Nolan

**Joanne Nolan**

It is with a heavy heart that I announce the passing of Joanne Nolan, the beloved wife of Garry, who departed to be with God on Wednesday, September 20th. Our congregation joins in extending our deepest condolences, and our prayers are with Garry and his family as they navigate through this challenging time.

Father Toan



**OCTOBER—ROSARY MONTH**

Since October is dedicated to the Rosary, we will gather each Sunday morning in October before the 9:30am mass to recite the Rosary at **9:10am**.

**Celebrate the Feast of St. Francis with a Pet Blessing!**

**Date:** October 8th **Time:** 2:00 pm

**Location:** The Oval at Our Lady of the Pines



On the 4th of October, we honor the memory of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and the environment. St. Francis had a deep love for all creatures, and his legacy continues to inspire us to care for the animals that share our world.

To commemorate this special day and follow in the footsteps of St. Francis, we invite you to join us for a Pet Blessing on the **8th of October, at 2:00**. The blessing will take place on the **oval at Our Lady of the Pines**.

Bring your beloved pets, whether they have fur, feathers, scales, or fins, and gather with our community for a heartwarming ceremony. This event is an opportunity to express our gratitude for the joy and companionship our animal friends bring into our lives.

Let's come together to celebrate the bond we share with our furry, feathered, and scaly friends, and seek a special blessing for their well-being. We look forward to seeing you there with your cherished pets!

### 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!



### Bible Study Group Starting Soon!

Get ready for our upcoming Bible study group! We invite you to join us as we delve into the teachings of the Bible and strengthen our faith together.

**Date & Time:** We start on **Wednesday, September 27th**, from **7:00 PM to 8:00 PM**.

**Location:** Meet us at the Parish 'Meeting Place.'

**Weekly Meetings:** After our first session on September 27th, we'll continue to meet at the same time and place every Wednesday.

Whether you're a seasoned Bible scholar or new to the Scriptures, all are welcome. Let's grow in faith and community together.

Please know that you are welcome to join us at anytime/ stage throughout our weekly meetings.

### Anointing Mass

On Tuesday the 3rd of October, there will be a special anointing mass for the sick and elderly held from 11-12pm here at Ss Peter and Paul's Church. This will be followed by fellowship and refreshments. If you are attending, please bring a plate to share.

### LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Formation & Training

**Learn at YOUR pace, at times that suit YOU!**



#### Course Benefits:

- Learn about liturgy & ministry at home.
- Explore the role of your ministry & how it contributes to the whole liturgy.
- Study at your pace, in your time.

2.5 hours on -line

Short engaging videos

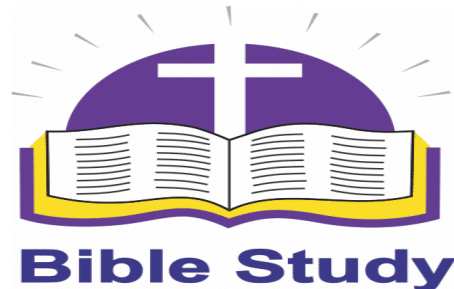
Downloadable notes

Certificate upon completion



#### Topics include:

- Introduction to liturgy & ministry
  - Structure of the Mass
- Lay liturgical ministry & the Mass
- Communion Ministers specific training



### Waiting at the Well

Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual and Pastoral Formation is offering a short series of contemplation and reflection this October.

Waiting at the Well—x4 Thurs 5,12,19 and 26 October  
10am—12:30pm (in person event)

This series offers an opportunity for those waiting to have their thirst quenched at the Well of Life to explore the depths of wisdom in their own heart, to recognise wisdom in the encounter with another, and to dwell in the Heart of Contemplation.

Bookings via <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/waiting-at-the-well-series/>? Or email [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne).

**Cost \$100 for the series or \$30 per session.**  
Places limited.

Please contact the Parish office on Tel: 0473 873 479 or email

[donvale@cam.org.au](mailto:donvale@cam.org.au) if you are interested.



## 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

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

**SAVE THE DATE**

**SUNDAY 15TH**

**OCTOBER**



Pleasant Sunday  
afternoon with Rocky,  
one of Australia's best  
singers.

## Health and Safety

**WATCH  
OUR  
STEP**

**FALLS PREVENTION  
EDUCATION SESSION**

**MOST FALLS ARE PREVENTABLE  
LEARN HOW TO LOWER YOUR RISK**

**HEALTH CHECK + SCREENING**

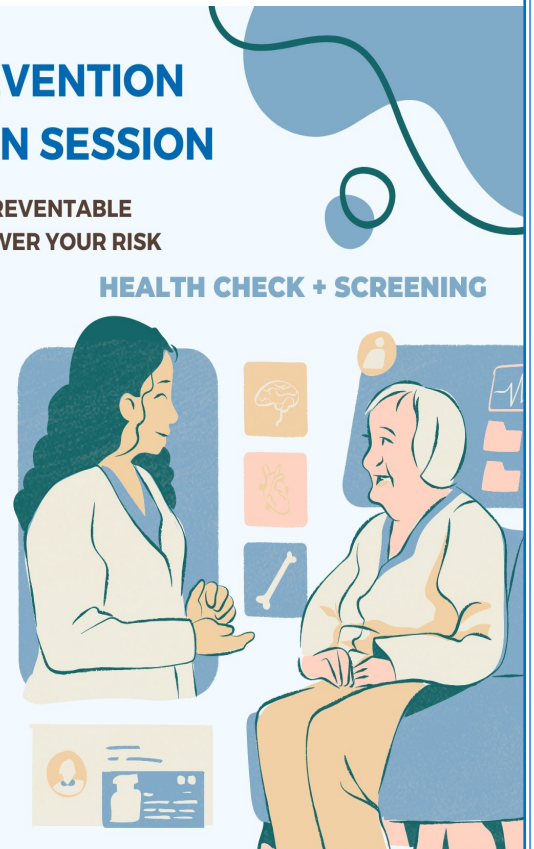
### DETAILS

MONDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER &  
MONDAY 23RD OF OCTOBER

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  
ACTIVITY ROOM**



## 30th September and 1st October 2023 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### HOSPITALITY TEAMS:

Haswell, Sowersby and Smith

### READERS & COMMENTATORS:

**Sat 5.00 pm:** Rita Latimour and Trish Gurney

**Sun 9.30 am:** Kathy Stewart and Geoff Mullane

### ALTAR SERVERS:

**5.00pm:** Rafael, Samantha and Emily

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

**CHILDRENS LITURGY:** School Holidays

**MASS DRIVERS:** Janet and Pat Goodwin

### AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS:

**Sat 5.00 pm:** Carlos

**Sun 9.30am:** Suraj

### WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

**5.00 pm:** Christine and Geoff Lowry

**9.30 am:** Reg and Mary Farnay

**MONEY COUNTING: GRP9** — Pat G, Martin P, Mark K, Godwin B

**Piety Stall: 5.00pm :** Anne Khoo **9.30am:** Janet Goodwin

**PARISH PRIEST:** Fr Toan Nguyen

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### CHAIR OF PASTORAL COUNCIL

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Maria Carey

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## Year A - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

*Why are you jealous because I am generous?*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

### Next Weekend Readings: Year A - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** [Ezekiel 18:25-28](#)

**Second Reading:** [Philippians 2:1-11](#)

**Gospel:** [Matthew 21:28-32](#)

*He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.*

### 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