



**31st Sunday in Ordinary
Time 4th and 5th Oct 2023—
YEAR A**

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November—Month of All Souls

In the vibrant embrace of Spring, November brings a sacred tradition - the Month of Souls. This is a time when we remember and pray for our departed loved ones.

Envelopes are available in our church foyer, inviting you to inscribe the names of those you wish to remember, along with your special intentions. Throughout November, Father Toan will offer special masses for each intention.

This is a time to unite in prayer, celebrate the beauty of spring, and remember those who live forever in our hearts. Let the spirit of the season bring hope and renewal, and may our prayers bring solace to our dearly departed.

In faith and remembrance

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,

Recently Deceased:

Visit of His Excellency Most Rev Paul Gallagher

Secretary for the Relations with States and International Organisations, Secretariat of State, Holy See

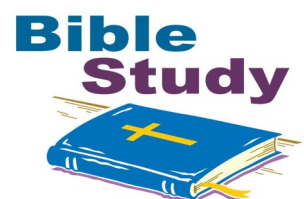
On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between the Commonwealth of Australia and the Vatican, Archbishop Comensoli is pleased to welcome His Excellency Most Rev Paul Gallagher and the Apostolic Nuncio to Australia – His Excellency Most Rev Charles Balvo to Melbourne. Archbishops Comensoli, Gallagher and Balvo, together with clergy of the Archdiocese, will celebrate Mass at St Patrick’s Cathedral on the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Thursday 9 November, 5.30pm.

All are welcome to attend.

Bible Study

Come join our Bible Study Group. We meet Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm. We've been gathering in the Chapel, which offers a deeply spiritual atmosphere. Our reading for next week - **Mark 4:1 - 20**.

- I. Parable of the Sower (1-9)
- II. Purpose of parables (10-13)
- III. Parable explained to the disciples (14-20)



Remembering Our Loved Ones: A Special Remembrance Mass

Join us for a solemn Remembrance Mass at our weekend masses on Saturday 11th, and Sunday 12th November, as we gather to honor and remember our beloved departed.

We kindly invite you to bring cherished photographs of your dear ones, as we unite in our worship service to pay tribute to their memory.



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE
OF MELBOURNE

Over three days (16-18 November) join together with parishes from across the Archdiocese of Melbourne to be inspired, engaged and equipped to go out and proclaim the joy of the Gospel into your local community. Hear from inspiring local and international people including Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, Fr Rob Galea, Kym Keady, Karen Doyle, Ron Huntley and more.

Encounter Jesus through prayer, music and fellowship and participate in workshops to equip ourselves for mission!

Register: <https://proclaim.melbournecatholic.org>. Use the discount code: parishmember to access the special registration price for parishioners.

Enquiries: (03) 9926 5761 or proclaim@cam.org.au.

English Language Tutor Required

A parishioner is keen to employ an English language tutor to enhance composition skills for a year 11 student. If you are able to help, please contact Maria Carey at the parish office for more information.



A Helping Hand: Making a Difference for Nursing Home Resident through Shopping Companionship

Could you dedicate a couple of hours every one to two weeks to assist a nursing home resident in going shopping? This resident relies on a wheelchair and would appreciate your help navigating the shopping centre. Transportation to and from the aged care facility will be arranged for your convenience.

If you are able to assist, please contact Maria Carey on 0473873479 or donvale@cam.org.au



YOU ARE INVITED—



THE NIGHT OF THE WITNESSES

When: Wed 22 November
at 7pm

Where: St Patrick's
Cathedral Melbourne

Night of the Witnesses is an evening to remember, to pray and to be inspired by the witness of twelve recent Christian martyrs and to stand in solidarity with Christians all over the world who are suffering persecution for their faith in Jesus Christ.

A procession of images of these twelve men and women from countries such as Nigeria, Iraq and the Philippines will coincide with a brief reading of their stories. Visiting guest speakers will then share their personal experiences of Christian persecution and stories of faithful witness amidst persecution.

Remembering the persecuted Church through these martyrs gives us pause to reflect on the love of Jesus Christ and the power of the Gospel to change the world that we are called to be witnesses in. It is an opportunity to reflect on the strength of our own Christian witness and perhaps to ask the Lord for the grace and courage to be His bright light in a world so desperate for hope.

Archbishop Comensoli will be presiding.

For more information visit www.aidtochurch.org/notw or call **1800 101 201**

Join Our Christmas Eve Choir!

This Christmas Eve, let's come together to make it extra special. We invite each and every one of you to join our Christmas Eve Choir and sing your heart out with joyous Christmas carols.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS



Everyone is welcome, no matter your singing experience or age. The more, the merrier! Whether you're a seasoned singer or just love to hum along, your voice is a precious addition to our choir.

This year's Christmas Eve Mass holds particular significance as we celebrate our first Christmas with Father Toan. Let's make it memorable for him and our parish by filling the church with the beautiful sounds of Christmas.

If you are interested please contact Maria Carey on 0473873479

We promise a fun and heartwarming experience as we prepare for this special night.

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HOSPITALITY TEAMS: Williams, Symons and McBride

READERS & COMMENTATORS:

Sat 5.00 pm: Mary Ann Payne and Ophelia Wong

Sun 9.30 am: Suraj Perera and Corrine Ng

ALTAR SERVERS:

5.00pm: Lynette, Alex and Rafael

9.30am: Ryan, Constance and Nick

CHILDRENS LITURGY: No Children's Liturgy

MASS DRIVERS: Joan McDonald

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS

Sat 5.00 pm: Maria

Sun 9.30am: Bruce Stewart

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

5.00 pm: Nicole & Carlos Cordeiro

9.30 am: Monica Luttick & Jill Howell

MONEY COUNTING: GRP6 — Marie Christensen, Chris Haswell, Joan McDonald

Piety Stall: 5.00pm : Vanessa White **9.30am:** Mirella Drago

PARISH PRIEST: Fr Toan Nguyen

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Gospel

Matthew 23:1-12

They do not practise what they preach.

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Next Weekend Readings: Year A - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: [Wisdom 6:12-16](#)

Second Reading: [1 Thessalonians 4:13-18](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 25:1-13](#)

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

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