



**32nd Sunday in Ordinary  
Time 11th and 12th Nov  
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,

**Recently Deceased:**

**CHRISTMAS HAMPERS**

Although all the hampers have been distributed, you can still show your support for this noble cause by contributing various grocery items.

All items must be “shop bought”, in date and appropriately labelled. No “homemade” grocery items.

Simply drop them off in the designated box located in the Parish foyer.

Alternatively, you have the option to make a monetary donation to CatholicCare through their website at <https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/>. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



**Parish Fundraising Raffle**

Get ready for the Parish Fundraising Raffle commencing on November 25th and 26th, with tickets available after Mass until Christmas week.

Win one of the delightful Christmas hampers. Also, enjoy the homemade marmalade, jam, and chutney for your holiday season.

Your support helps our Parish – thank you!

**Bible Study**

Bible Study Group.

Wednesday evening at 7:00 - 8:00 pm. Our reading for next week - Mark 4:21 - 41

**Kingdom of God Parables**

- I. The lamp (21-25)
- II. Growing seed (26-29)
- III. Mustard Seed (30-34)
- IV. Jesus commands the storm (35-41)

**Bible Study**





**2023 Knox Public Lecture**  
 Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm  
 Live videostream via Zoom

*"Truth and Peace: Timeless Twins"*  
 Presented by Dr Susan Connelly RSJ



To book scan the QR code or go to  
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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.



### 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](mailto: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.

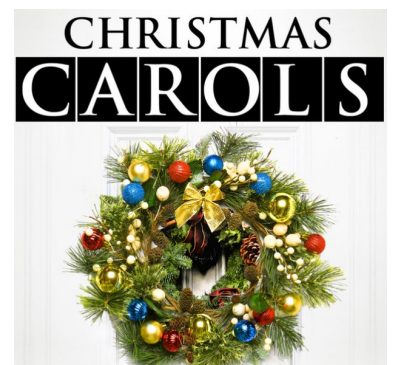
Archbishop Comensoli will be presiding.

For more information visit [www.aidtochurch.org/notw](http://www.aidtochurch.org/notw) or call 1800 101 201

### **Join Our Christmas Eve Caroling Group and Choir!**

This Christmas Eve, we have a heartwarming opportunity for all parishioners to come together and create a memorable holiday experience in our neighborhood. We are forming a Carolling group, and we'd love for your voice and spirit to be part of it. While the exact time is yet to be confirmed, we are planning to gather around 3 pm, and whether you're an experienced singer or simply enjoy singing in the shower, your voice is most welcome.

Everyone, regardless of their singing experience or age, is encouraged to join our Christmas Eve Choir. The more, the merrier! This year's Christmas Eve Mass holds particular significance as we celebrate our first Christmas with Father Toan. Let's make it a special occasion by filling the church with the beautiful sounds of Christmas. If you are interested, please contact Maria Carey at 0473873479 for a fun and heartwarming experience as we prepare for this special night.



Let's come together this Christmas Eve to make it extra special. Share the joy of the season with our neighbors and help us make our neighborhood's Christmas truly remarkable. Your presence and your voice will create cherished memories and a magical atmosphere that will be remembered for years to come.

**18th and 19th November 2023  
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**HOSPITALITY TEAMS:** Baird, Stewart and Separovic

**READERS & COMMENTATORS:**

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

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

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

**5.00pm:** Andre, Jasmine and Eva

**9.30am:** Rosa, Daniel, Meagan and Alden

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

**MASS DRIVERS:** Jill Howell

**AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS**

**Sat 5.00 pm:** Carlos Cordeiro

**Sun 9.30am:** Leonard Healy

**WELCOMING COMMITTEE:**

**5.00 pm:** Gill & James Beckford

**9.30 am:** Mirella Drago & Sue Separovic

**MONEY COUNTING: GRP7** — Mirella Drago, Buford Ng and Jack Deady

**PIETY STALL: 5.00pm** : Mary Anne Payne **9.30am:** Nan Perreau

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**Year A - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Gospel**

*Matthew 25:1-13*

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

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.' .'

**Next Weekend Readings: Year A - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading:** [Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31](#)

**Second Reading:** [1 Thessalonians 5:1-6](#)

**Gospel:** [Matthew 25:14-30](#)

*Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.*

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

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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