



**33rd Sunday in Ordinary
Time 18th and 19th Nov
2023—YEAR A**

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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, Lina Spagnol

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 3 Christmas prizes. Also, enjoy the homemade marmalade, jam, and chutney for your holiday season.

All proceeds go towards Parish Fundraising. Thank You!

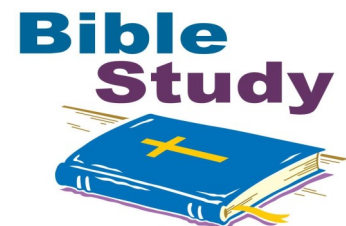
Bible Study

Bible Study Group.

Come join us every Wednesday evening at 7:00 - 8:00 pm. In the Chapel.

Our reading for next week - **Mark 5:1-20**

The Demon Possessed Man Called "Legion"



COME AWAY DAY AT HOLY CROSS RETREAT CENTRE, TEMPLESTOWE

The Come Away Days program resumes at Holy Cross on **Tuesday 28 November**. The theme of the day is, **"Bring forth hope."** The days program provides opportunities for prayer, reflection and group interaction in the peaceful grounds and facilities of Holy Cross. What a wonderful opportunity such days offer us to prepare for the Advent season and the gift of Christmas. You are invited to support the day financially according to your means, using \$25.00 per person as a guide. All are welcome. BYO lunch. Registration is from 9.30am. The day concludes after lunch with a celebration of the Eucharist. For further details contact Frank Burke, burke.frank942@yahoo.com.au or 0407998781.

Alone with
God

SILENT WOMENS RETREAT

25-26 NOVEMBER 2023
HEATHGROVE STUDY CENTRE

A silent retreat is a special time to break from the usual activities of life, a time to reflect and to ask oneself: How is life going? Where is my life heading? Where is God in all this? It is a time to assess the present and to apply resolutions in a practical way to one's daily life.

Weekend retreats offer daily Mass, time for personal prayer and talks on central themes related to living a Christian life within the specific circumstances of daily life. There are also opportunities for confession and personal spiritual direction.

Booking Details:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/1094590/sessions/4059846/sections/2039177/tickets>

****This is not an overnight retreat****

Join in the Festive Fun - Sign Up Now for Christmas Eve Choir and Caroling!

The holiday spirit is almost in full swing, and we're thrilled to remind you about our upcoming Christmas Eve Choir and neighborhood Caroling! If you haven't already, dash into the Parish foyer and put your name down on the sign-up sheets waiting for you or let the Parish office know.

CHRISTMAS
CAROLS



The neighborhood caroling will be on Saturday 23rd December at a time to be confirmed.

Our rehearsals are right around the corner, offering a perfect chance to share your joyous voices and be part of our community celebration.

Let's make our first Christmas with Father Toan a truly special one. Don't miss out on the festive fun—sign up today and be a part of the magic.

A Special Celebration for Christ the King, Our Youth and Honoring Our Altar Servers

Mark your calendars for a meaningful Mass on **Sunday 26th November**, where our vibrant Youth Group will lead us in celebrating Christ the King. This special occasion holds even more significance as we take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated members of our Altar Servers.

The Mass will be a tribute to their commitment and invaluable service to our parish. Following this inspiring worship, we invite you to join us for a delightful sausage sizzle, courtesy of our Youth Group. It's an opportunity to extend our appreciation, share in fellowship, and make this day truly unforgettable.

Let's gather with family and friends to honor Christ the King and, in particular, acknowledge the invaluable contributions of our Altar Servers and our Youth.

Your presence will add to the joy and warmth of this community celebration.

See you there!



Many Thanks from our Grief Support Team

Our Remembrance Mass, celebrated last Sunday, was greatly appreciated by all those who attended. We remembered those from the Parish who have died, and Relatives of parishioners who have gone to God. The celebration was enhanced by the return of our wonderful Music Group, who sang specially for this occasion. We thank them for making this occasion so special.

Many thanks go to those who planned and set up the church for the lighting of the candles which we do each year to remember our loved ones. I would like to thank Corinne who creates our bookmarks each year. Once again at short notice, we were able to hand out bookmarks to the congregation. Thanks to Maria, our parish Secretary who spent many hours preparing the mass templates and making sure all procedures were in order, as this was her first experience in planning for this mass.

Thanks to Fr. Toan who made this celebration a very special. Thank you Vince for being chief photographer and commentator.



**25th and 26th November 2023
Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe**

HOSPITALITY TEAMS: Evans, Spence and Given

READERS & COMMENTATORS:

Sat 5.00 pm: Lorraine Chia and Maria Carey

Sun 9.30 am: Youth Group

ALTAR SERVERS:

5.00pm: Jerry, Lynette and Rafael

9.30am: Various—Refer to Website

CHILDRENS LITURGY: Vena Pena and Maria Carey

MASS DRIVERS: Suzanne and Mark Keating

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS

Sat 5.00 pm: Gabrielle Collins

Sun 9.30am: Lukas and Antony Catanchin

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

5.00 pm: Christine & Geoff Lowry

9.30 am: Peter & Kath Given

MONEY COUNTING: GRP8 — Sue Separovic, Chris Healy and Bruce Stewart

PIETY STALL: 5.00pm : Gillian Beckford **9.30am:** Janet Goodwin

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Year A - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel

Matthew 25:14-15. 19-21

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

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. “Sir”, he said “you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master’s happiness.”’

Next Weekend Readings:

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
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First Reading: [Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17](#)

Second Reading: [1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 25:31-46](#)

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

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