

4th Sunday of  
Lent

9th and 10th  
March 2024

# LENT

Giving, Praying, & Fasting

## HOLY WEEK AND TRIDUUM SERVICES FOR OUR PARTNER PARISHES, OUR LADY OF THE PINES AND Ss PETER AND PAUL'S

		<u>SSPP</u> 23 Leeds Street, Doncaster East	<u>OLOP</u> 77 Carbine Street, Donvale
Sat 23rd Mar	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	6.00pm	5.00pm
Sun 24th Mar		8.00am and 11.15am	9.30am
Tue 26th Mar	<b>Reconciliation</b>	7.30pm	
Thu 28th Mar	<b>Holy Thursday</b>		7.30pm
Fri 29th Mar	<b>Stations of the Cross— Good Friday</b>	10.00am	
Fri 29th Mar	<b>Passion of Our Lord</b>	3.00 pm	3.00pm
Sat 30th Mar	<b>Easter Vigil</b>	7.30pm	
Sun 31st Mar	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	11.15am	9.30am

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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 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.

Our Lady of the Pines Parish is a welcoming, inclusive community that aims to live our Christian faith by example in our daily lives.

**We pray for Better Health:**

Brian Sullivan, Kath Potger, Josephine Noli, Sharon Rodrigo, Meredith Barnes, John Yates, Belinda Swan, George Kapeleris,



## Lenten Program

We've reached the fourth week of our Lenten Program. This week, we are reminded to notice not our sins, but the times we fall for the lie that pictures God as condemning us. We refer to this week's Gospel to remind ourselves that **"God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through Him the world might be saved"** (Jn 3:17).

We invite you to join us every Wednesday evening at 7pm or SsPP at 9:30am.

Feel free to participate in our Lenten program at any point in the upcoming weeks as we journey together towards spiritual growth and renewal.



## Fourth Sunday of Lent 9 & 10 March



As the eldest child in a low-income farming family in rural Malawi, **Memory** faced many barriers to her education. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, she enrolled in a technical school and became the first female carpenter in her village.

**Please donate to Project Compassion.**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations**.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.

## A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Weekend is for YOU...

**"Live Your Best Married Life in Love"**

Every relationship is a journey and the grind of everyday life can easily cause you to lose touch with your spouse.

This weekend gives married couples time to nurture your relationship and some tools to keep passion alive in a gentle, supportive environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living.

Every married couple deserves a Marriage Encounter weekend!!

The weekend is based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are welcome.

Please check our website for more details

Date: 12-14 April, 2024 in Melbourne

**BOOK NOW**

Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James** 0409 183 676 or

Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au)

Website: [wwme.org.au](https://wwme.org.au)



## EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT—SsPP

Join us for the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7:30pm, hosted at Ss Peter and Paul's Parish. Come and participate in this meaningful journey and share in this spiritual experience.

## SEEKING CPR & FIRST AID VOLUNTEERS

We are seeking volunteers to participate in a First Aid and CPR course to ensure we have trained individuals at our masses. We'll be facilitating the course and welcome anyone interested in acquiring these vital skills.

Please put your name down on the list located in the Parish Narthex or contact the office.

## TRIVIA NIGHT



A Great night was had by all who attended.  
Here is a photo of the winning table.

## RCIA 2024



Almost 1,000 gathered on Sunday 18 February at St Patrick's Cathedral for the annual Rite of Election. The event is a significant step for those participating in the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) and preparing to receive the sacraments of initiation at Easter.

Pictured is (l to r) Mary Ann, RCIA candidate, Anita, Archbishop Comensoli, Rita and Sonya (Anita's sister).

## *Mission: Transform Lives - theirs...and yours.*

Communities in Africa, Asia, Australia and the Pacific are looking for qualified and experienced Australians from ALL sectors to share their skills with those who have had little opportunity for formal training. You too will learn and grow within a most welcoming community. Experience the joy as you assist to change lives.

Learn more: Join our [Mission Webinar](#) March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 6:00 - 6:30 pm.



**Palms Australia**

63 years preparing Australians for enduring global relationships  
to build sustainable, self-reliant, community development.

Learn Even More: Join our [two-week tour to Timor-Leste on 06/05/2024](#) to see Palms program participants our local partner communities in action together.

Contact: 02 9560 5333  
[palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)



## THE FLAME OF LOVE

The Flame of Love movement is holding an International Congress in Singapore from the 1st to the 7th of March. The congress will be attended by bishops, Priests and laity from many countries.

John Sullivan, the Assistant International Coordinator of the Flame of Love Movement will be attending the International Congress in Singapore as well and it is with great pleasure that I inform you that John will be visiting Australia at the end of the congress. He will give a series of talks and retreats in Perth, Sydney and Melbourne to explain the Flame of Love and its importance for the salvation of souls and to answer any of your queries.

Our Lady wants to spread her Flame of Love from heart to heart. Do not miss on this opportunity to ignite your heart with Her Flame of Love and pass it to your family members, friends and neighbours.

There could be another talk on Friday 15th of March at the Sacred Heart Church at St Albans in Melbourne – to confirm please call Divine Mercy Publications on 03 9830 4386 or contact Rukmal on 0411 468 571



**16th and 17th March 2024  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B**

**HOSPITALITY TEAMS:** Christensen, Nolan and McDonald

**READERS & COMMENTATORS:**

**Sat 5.00 pm:** James Beckford and Mary Wynack

**Sun 9.30 am:** Natalie Chim and Mark Keating

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

**5.00pm:** Jeanelle, Samantha and Jeremy

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

**CHILDRENS LITURGY:** Anne Khoo and Tracey Baxter

**MASS DRIVERS:** Jill Howell

**AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS**

**Sat 5.00 pm:** Carlos Cordeiro

**Sun 9.30am:** Bruce Stewart

**WELCOMING COMMITTEE:**

**5.00 pm:** Christine and Geoff Lowry

**9.30 am:** Monica Luttick & Jill Howell

**MONEY COUNTING: GRP 6 -** Marie Christensen, Chris Haswell and Joan McDonald

**PIETY STALL: 5.00pm:** Rita Latimour

**9.30am:** Sue Keating

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**4th Sunday of Lent — Year B**

**Gospel**

**John 3:14-21**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

***God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.***

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

‘The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much

that he gave his only Son,

so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned;

but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,

because he has refused to believe in the name of God’s only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced:

that though the light has come into the world

men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because

their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does

wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should

be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out

into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does

is done in God.’

**Next Weekend Readings: 5th Sunday in Lent**

**First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

**Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9**

**Gospel: John 12:20-33**

***If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.***

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

	<b>OLOP</b>	<b>SsPP</b>
Monday	No Mass	9.00 am Communion Service
Tuesday	No Mass	9.00am Mass
Wednesday	9.00am Mass (followed by 9:30am Rosary)	9.00 am Communion Service
Thursday	No Mass	9.00am Mass
Friday	9.00am Mass (followed by 9:30am 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