



## **SS PETER AND PAUL'S CATHOLIC PARISH,**

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### **WEEKEND MASS TIMES:**

SATURDAY 6.00PM.

SUNDAY 8.00AM AND 11.15AM

### ***Our Vision***

*We are a Catholic Community who profess, celebrate and witness that Jesus lives, and to whom the Father sends His Spirit. We express that belief by living out and spreading the message of the Gospel.*

**9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of March 2019**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent - Year C**

The season of Lent is a gift. It offers us the time and space to stand back and look at the big picture – the big picture of our human condition within the horizon of divine love. We survey the whole story of salvation from the dawn of creation to the climax of Jesus's mission among us. At no other time of the year do we engage in such a exploration of our vocation as human beings. Our principal guide on the way are our great story teller of the Old Testament, the dynamic and provocative preacher Paul and above all , Jesus himself, via the evangelist Luke and John. Today's ensemble of readings invites us into the grand sweep of God's saving work in our human history – from an early creed recalling the exodus, through the early mission of Jesus, to the salvation we experience by confessing our faith. The time has come to turn around and believe the Good News; the reign of God is at hand.

### **SPARC Worship Night**

**You are warmly invited to a very special Lent Worship Night!**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March – 6.00pm**

**At Ss Peter and Paul's Church**

Lent is a season in which we are called to stop whatever it is we are doing, no matter how important it might be, and intentionally enter into prayer, self-examination and repentance with the sole purpose of returning to God with all our hearts. This goes beyond the usual "What am I giving up for Lent this year" and really exhorts us to ask ourselves "How can I give all of myself: my dreams, my hopes, my fears, my life, my heart, to God?"

As we prepare for Easter, we invite you to carve out some time to join us in preparing our hearts for this truth  
- that God loves us so much that He gave His all through Jesus that we might be saved.

### **Umberto Del Tatto**

We are sad to advise that Umberto went home to God on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> of March. Umberto's funeral will be here at Ss Peter and Paul's Church on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of March , starting at 12.00pm with Rosary and a funeral Mass at 12.30pm. May he rest in peace.

### **Lenten Reflection and Discussion Afternoon**

Our parish Lenten Reflection and Discussion program this year will be held every Tues 2pm to 3.30pm, beginning March 12<sup>th</sup>. Please put your name and contact details on the sign-up sheet in the narthex if you would like to attend.

### **Donation of Palm or Olive Branches for Palm Sunday**

This year, Palm Sunday falls on the 14<sup>th</sup> April. If you have palms or olive branches you'd like to donate to the parish for this occasion, please contact Cheryl at the parish office on Tues, Wed or Fri (9am – 3pm) by 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

### **Stations of the Cross**

Just a reminder that Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent here at Ss Peter and Paul's at 7.30pm. Look forward to seeing you there.

**LENT PODCAST SERIES: THE LENTEN  
PILGRIM | WEEK 1—JESUS IN THE  
WILDERNESS**

Over the next five weeks of Lent, listeners will be offered a brief reflection on the Sunday gospel, exploring its context and themes, and how it might encourage us in our Lenten journey. In this first episode, Cathy Jenkins offers a reflection on Jesus' experience in the wilderness, one of the few times where he is without human accompaniment. Lent offers an invitation to actively reorientate ourselves to God, because for Christians, God—and the one who was so loved, Jesus—is the heart and the soul of life. And we are offered beautiful and ancient tools to help us enter into this time: tools of being prayerful, of living more simply and living more generously. For other resources to use during the Season of Lent, please visit the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation  
Details:  
[www.cam.org.au/evangelisation](http://www.cam.org.au/evangelisation)

**Liturgical Ministry Formation For Extraordinary  
Minister of Communion during Mass**

The mass is made up of two parts: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, inextricably connected to form one single act of worship. The ministry of Extraordinary Minister of Communion during Mass is an essential component of this ritual action. When performed well, this service of sacred hospitality can have a profound impact on the celebration and on all those participating. Mary Ryan, Co-ordinator of Adult Faith Formation at The Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation will facilitate a formation workshop focusing on this key ministry, to explore the theological underpinnings and best practice of delivery. The workshop offers biblical, spiritual, and practical liturgical guidance for those who serve. Whether you are already participating in the existing roster or would like to be trained, you are invited to refresh and deepen your understanding of this vital ministry.

Date: Thurs 14th March 2019

Time: 7 – 9pm (6.30pm registration and light refreshments)

Venue: Ss Peter and Paul's Parish, Doncaster East  
(23 Leeds Street, Doncaster East, Vic 3109)

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**Ss Peter & Paul's  
Doncaster East**



*Achieving Together in Faith*

**OPEN DAY 2019**

**Wednesday 13 March**

**School Tours**

**9:30am 2:00pm 6:00pm**

### **This weeks Gospel**

Jesus' life is our life if we're sincere about our faith. We unite ourselves to him by receiving his body and blood in the Eucharist. We meet him in the scriptures and walk with him on the path to heaven.

During Lent, the readings help us with this journey if we listen with an ear that recognizes our personal connections to Christ. This Sunday, we journey with Jesus into the desert. Consider your own struggles with temptation; reflect on how sin makes your life feel barren and dry like a desert.

By walking with Jesus, we unite ourselves to his victory over the devil. In our efforts to remain united to him, we reject Satan and choose holiness. The Church helps us by giving us ways to improve our self discipline: fasting and abstinence, almsgiving, reconciliation services, faith formation events, reading materials, and more.

### **LADIES LUNCHEON GROUP**

#### **DATE FUNCTION**

**18 MARCH:** Morning Melodies at Cherry Hill Tavern – Reynolds Road, with Vincent O'Connor presenting "All Irish Affair". This includes Morning tea, lunch & show for \$15 - 10am morning tea (be there early for parking), 10.30am show with 3 course lunch at 11.30am. If you enjoy Irish music, a lively Irish jig and would like to join us, please contact Muriel on 0417 055 617 asap. Limited bookings.

**3 APRIL:** Stix & Stones Restaurant, 410 Main Road, Lower Plenty (9439 4888). Lunch Menu 1 course with choice of wine, beer or soft drink is \$25 and 2 course \$35 with a drink. Anyone interested please book with Muriel on 0417 0550617. We are looking forward to trying new venues and sharing great fellowship together. Come and join us.

### **The Holy Cross Centre, 2017 Serpells Road, Templestowe**

Recruiting for the twenty third Annual Melbourne Passion Play is now under way. Here is your opportunity to be part of the re-enactment of the Ministry of Christ that has been enjoyed by thousands over the years. No acting experience is necessary. Only six rehearsals. Men and women are urgently required to fill the various roles. Crew members are also required. To take part in this fantastic production, contact the Director, Robert Durai. Enquiries: Robert Durai, 0422 130 014. Details: [www.passionplay.info](http://www.passionplay.info).

## **Parish Groups**

<p><b>VISITATION GROUP</b> The next Visitation Group meeting is scheduled for Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 10.15am in the Parish Centre. New members are always welcome.</p>	<p><b>ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY</b> The next meeting will be on <b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019</b> at 9.30am..</p>
<p><b>SUPPORT GROUP-</b> <b>for widows, widowers and separated</b> We will advise of the new date for this meeting in due course. For enquiries, please contact Peter - 0413 015 061 or 9840 6248 or <a href="mailto:padess53@gmail.com">padess53@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>MEN'S COFFEE CLUB</b> Men of the parish who are shift workers or have retired, on holidays or simply have time on their hands, are invited to meet for a Men's Coffee Club Gathering. camaraderie! Meetings are held every Tuesday at 11.00am in the Drop In Centre. Tel: Kevin on 9848 7858.</p>
<p><b>1 in a 100 Appeal</b> The next collection is due on Sunday the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 for the Sisters of Our Lady of Sion Jerusalem and the Palestinians.</p>	<p><b>DROP-IN CENTRE</b> Open every Monday morning from 11.00am - 2.30pm <b><u>except during school holidays.</u></b></p>
<p><b>KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS</b> Meet every second Tuesday of the month in the Drop in Centre from 7.30 – 9.30pm. New members always welcome.</p>	<p><b>PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS</b> Monday and Thursday: 9.00-5.00pm Tuesday and Wednesday: 9.00-3.00pm Friday: 9.00-4.00pm</p>
<p><b>Ladies Afternoon Tea:</b> Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month at the Drop In Centre at 2.00pm. Call Bernadette for more information on 0414 879 270</p>	<p><b>Ladies Monthly Luncheon</b> Ladies Monthly luncheon will be held on the first Wednesday of the month. Please contact Muriel O'Gorman on 9840 7484 .</p>

**SUPPORTING MINISTRIES**

**Parish Priest:** Fr Jerald Mariadas  
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**Chairman of Parish Pastoral Council:**  
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**Parish Primary School:** 16 Beverley Street  
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 Principal: Mrs Patricia Vandekolk  
**Pastoral Worker** Cheryl Tay: Cheryl.Tay@cam.org.au  
**Rosary:** Monday to Saturday after  
 Mass/Communion Service

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Fridays after morning Mass until 10.30am  
**Reconciliation:** Saturdays 9.30am and 5.30pm  
 and any weekday after Mass

**Baptisms:** On 2nd and 3rd Sundays of every month  
 at 12.45pm by appointment

**Weddings:** By appointment

**DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION**

The next Divine Mercy Devotion will be held in our  
 Church on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019 from 7.30-8.30pm.  
 There will be Exposition, Divine Mercy Chaplet and  
 Reconciliation.

**16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of March 2019**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

<b>Genesis 15: 5-12,17-18</b>		<b>Projector Operators</b>
<b>Philippians 3:17-4</b>		
<b>Luke 9: 28-36</b>		
<b>6.00pm Readers Commentator</b>	Vincent Lam Abigayle Rechtmar	Boria Diaz
<b>8.00am Readers Commentator</b>	Harry Martin Michael Liddy	Hannah Sleeth
<b>11.15am Reader Commentator</b>	Ivona Pouesi Maria Ryan	Jordan Lim
<b>Altar Servers</b>	6.00pm  8.00am 11.15am	Xavier and BJ  Volunteer Joreen and Jaden
<b>Money Counters</b>	<b>Group 2:</b> Imelda Sutanto Elaine Edwards	Patrick Martin

Children's Liturgy On the 1st and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, at  
 the 11.15am mass, except  
 during school holidays.

**Our Prayers** are asked for those **who died**  
**recently: Umberto Del Tatto** and for those whose



**anniversaries** occur at this time: Yolanda Gholam, Anna  
 Massarotti, Molly Veale, Carole Stacey, Nunzio Di Battista,  
 Carole Stacey, Robert Morison, Danny Cregan, James Heraud,  
 Mary Sullivan, Marion Larkin, Sandra Hannahan and children ,  
 Conchetta Di Censo, Winnie Briggs.,  
**For  
 those who are sick:** Madeline Gilmore, Dan McMahon, Teresita  
 Leung, June Webster, Ann Tobin, Joel Pemberton, Angela Selva,  
 Anthoula Miras, Danny and Alice Zanon, Margaret Jansen,  
 Teresa Talia, Gaetano and Inez Paolini, Mong Kee Lim, Mary  
 Ritus, Lois Norton Old, Caroline Tang, Salaka Hewamaduma,  
 Priyanthi Perera, Josh Davis, Maree Spinks, Joyce Foo , Peter  
 Wilkinson ,Pamela Bruce , Anthony Calcagno, Imogen Giffening  
 , Chin Lan Chan , Audrey O'Connor , Monica Hiew, Tai Thomas ,  
 Maraka Stilo, Philip Tay ,Petrina Tay , Pat Carty, Marie Simpson  
 Khek Hong Tan, Choi Yeng Chew , Marie and Graham Simpson  
 ,Joseph K Y Lee Catherine Poon , Anthony Formosa and Fr  
 Jerald .

**MASS TIMES for partner Parishes of**  
**Our Lady of The Pines, Donvale**  
**& Ss Peter & Paul, East Doncaster**

<i>NB. "CS" indicates Communion Service only</i>	OLOP	SSPP
Monday	-	9am CS
Tuesday	-	9am Mass
Wednesday	9.00am Mass – Rosary after morning mass	9.00am CS
Thursday	9am CS	9.00 Mass
Friday	9am Mass	9.am CS 7.30pm – Stations of the Cross
Saturday	5pm VIGIL	9am Mass-  6pm VIGIL
SUNDAY	9:30am	8am, 11.15am

**Communion Minsters**

<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>11.15am</b>
Judith Clark Lorraine Lednar, Lucia Dorissa	Harry Martin Michael Liddy	Maria Ryan, Verna Carter, Frank Burke, Nicole Morabito Suzanne Marshall

**Did You Know**

Lent, a time of fasting, prayer and giving for all  
 Christians, also runs for forty days and is a special time  
 of final preparation for people who will be receiving  
 the sacraments at Easter.