



SS PETER AND PAUL'S CATHOLIC PARISH,

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY 6.00PM.

SUNDAY 8.00AM AND 11.00AM

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.

12th and 13th of May 2018

The Ascension of the Lord - Year B

Gospel

Only one verse in the New Testament makes chronological reference to the ascension. In Acts 1:3, Luke states that Jesus continued to appear to the disciples for forty days after his resurrection. He goes on to present his account of Jesus being taken up into heaven. In spite of this ancient witness, the first testimony to the celebration of "Ascension Thursday" until around the year 500. Originally the fifty days of the Easter season was celebrated as a single unit culminating in the feast of Pentecost. Gradually however, this unity broke down until the season was divided between the forty days leading to Ascension and the ten days from there to Pentecost. Pentecost itself became a separate feast with an Octave.

Parish International Lunch Day

20th May 2018, 12pm, Parish Hall

In conjunction with Pentecost Sunday, parishioners are invited to join us for our first parish social event of the year! Bring a plate representing your culture for lunch in the parish hall at 12pm on Sun, 20th May 2018. If you will be attending this lunch could you indicate your attendance in the sheet in the Narthex and please advise if you will be bringing a plate to share.

We would like an indication of how many parishioners will be attending in order to ensure that there will be adequate food to share.

Please note, this is a BYO event.

Mass with Anointing of the Sick

Our Mass with anointing of the sick will be held on Tuesday the 29th of May 2018 at 11.00am and will be followed by a light lunch.

Please mark this date down in your diary.

Vinnies Winter Appeal

Our Vinnies winter appeal will be held on Sunday the 27th of May. More information will be provided next weekend.

Children's Liturgy Mass

Our next Children's Liturgy Mass will be held on Sunday the 20th of May at our 11am Mass. Look forward to seeing as many children as possible.

Parish AGM

Our Parish AGM will be taking place on the 24th of June. Could all parish committees and groups please aim to get your annual report in on last year's activities and any future plans to Lisa by Thursday the 31st of May at the latest in order for the annual report to be compiled.

Communion Ministers Roster

We still looking for more communion ministers for Sun 11am mass. Please consider filling your name & contact no. in those available slots. For those who have already registered , the Roster is now ready for collection and is available in the Narthex.

St Vincent De Paul Society

The next meeting of the St Vincent de Paul Society is a special meeting for the Election of the President for the Doncaster East Conference. The meeting will be held on Tuesday the 22nd of May 2018 at 9.45am. The regular meeting of the St Vincent de Paul Society will be on Tuesday the 5th of June at 9.30am

Music Ministry needs you.

If you can hold a tune or play an instrument, please consider sharing your talent with our community by joining the Music Ministry. We need more choir members for all masses. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex.

Workshops for readers and Ministers of Holy Communion during Mass

The Office of Evangelisation will be holding 2 workshops being held at the Cardinal Knox Centre on the 17th of May and the 26th of July. If you are interested in attending, please let Liza in the Parish office know by email by the 16th of May for The Ministers of Holy Communion and by the 23rd of July for the Readers Workshop. We encourage all new ministers and Readers to attend this course and of course the cost will be borne by the Parish.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion During Mass

Thursday 17 May, 7pm - 9pm (light refreshments from 6.30pm)

The Reader of God's Word

Thursday 26 July, 7pm - 9pm (light refreshments from 6.30pm)

These formation opportunities are ideal for existing and/or new ministers, exploring the theological underpinnings and best practice of delivery for each ministry.

2019 SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

Please note that enrolments for our 2019 Prep Class are due on Friday 18th May.

You can collect your application from the school office.

Contact the office on 9842 2056 or email

principal@sppdcstr.catholic.edu.au with any enquiries.

Holy Week Liturgy Survey

If you have yet to return the Holy Week 2018 survey form, we ask that you do as soon as you can. Thanks.

Introduction to Christian Meditation

Be Still and know that I am God.

Invitation to a six week introduction course

At

St Gregory the Great,

71 Williamson's Road, Doncaster East, VIC 3109

Wednesday Evenings, 7.30 – 8.30pm

18th April to the 30th May

Meditation is an ancient form of prayer. Its aim is to bring the distracted mind to silence and stillness and rest in the presence of God who dwells within our hearts. Even in our modern busy lives this is possible. We invite you to come along and try this form of prayer which is simple and peaceful and aims to make our awareness of this presence central in our lives. The introductory course provides an opportunity to experience the practice of meditation in a small group. To learn about its origins and to discover its relevance as a form of prayer for contemporary world.

For more information please contact:

Terry Morton on 0402 307 384 or mortonti@biapond.net.au

Top five takeaways from 'Gaudete et Exsultate'

Here is the fourth of five takeaways from Pope Francis' new and very practical exhortation.

Be kind

'Gaudete et Exsultate' is filled with Pope Francis' trademark practical advice for living a life of holiness. For example, don't gossip, stop judging and, most important, stop being cruel.

That goes for online actions, too. Francis' comments on this topic are memorable. Online, he writes, 'defamation and slander can become commonplace...since things can be said there that would be unacceptable in public discourse, as people look to compensate for their own discontent by lashing out at others.... In claiming to uphold other commandments, they completely ignore the eighth, which forbids bearing false witness or lying and ruthlessly vilifying others.'

To be holy, be kind.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

Fr Jerald would like to invite you for a 14 day pilgrimage to Poland, Austria, Croatia & Medjugorje that departs on 2nd Sep 2018. This pilgrimage features Warsaw, Krakow, Vienna, Zagreb & Medjugorje for an all-inclusive cost of \$5490. Book before 30 April with an initial deposit of \$500 to get an early-bird discount price of \$ 4990. This fare includes Return airfare + Transfers in AC Coaches + Stay in 4 Star Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners.

For enquiries & bookings contact parish office on 9842 1480

Parish Groups

<p>VISITATION GROUP The next Visitation Group meeting is scheduled for Friday, 1st June at 10.15am in the Parish Centre. New members are always welcome.</p>	<p>ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY The next meeting will be on Tuesday 5th June at 9.30am. New members always welcome.</p>
<p>SUPPORT GROUP- for widows, widowers and separated The next Yarra Deanery Parish Support Group Gathering will take place in the Narthex of our Church at 7.30pm on Tuesday 5th June 2018. For enquiries, please contact Peter - 0413 015 061 or 9840 6248 or padess53@gmail.com</p>	<p>MEN'S COFFEE CLUB 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>1 in a 100 Appeal The next collection is due on Sunday the 27th May for the Sisters of Our Lady of Sion Jerusalem and the Palestinians.</p>	<p>DROP-IN CENTRE Open every Monday morning from 11.00am - 2.30pm except during school holidays.</p>
<p>KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS Meet every second Tuesday of the month in the Drop in Centre from 7.30 - 9.30pm. New members always welcome.</p>	<p>PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS Monday and Thursday: 9.00-5.00pm Tuesday and Wednesday: 9.00-3.00pm Friday: 9.00-4.00pm</p>

SUPPORTING MINISTRIES

Parish Priest: Fr Jerald Mariadas
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e: principal@sppdcstr.catholic.edu.au

Principal: Anita Kelliher

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 12.30pm by appointment

Weddings: By appointment

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

The next Divine Mercy Devotion will be held in
 our Church on Friday 1st June from 7.30-8.30pm.
 There will be Exposition, Divine Mercy Chaplet
 and Reconciliation.

Our Prayers are asked for those **who died recently: especially Giovanna Cicero** and  for those whose **anniversaries** occur at this time: Cedric Weerappah, Betty Fong, Josie Caldwell, Vimala Kamath, Maisie O'Donoghue, David Thomas, Lucia De Ingeniss, Eileen Cran, Kitty McNamee, Peter Clifford, Siak Khee Ng, Andreana Gatt, Sr Mary Castles, Giuseppe Mangano Michele Mercuri, Maria Giussan, Guerrino Cordai, Michael Mithen, Guerrino Conola, **For those who are sick:** Madeline Gilmore, Dan McMahon, Ava Pelikan, Teresita Leung, June Webster, Ann Tobin, Joel Pemberton, Angela Selva, Anthoula Miras, Danny Zanon, Margaret Jansen, Teresa Talia, Gaetano and Inez Paolini, Mong Kee Lim, Cyril Taya, Mary Ritus, Lois Norton Old, Caroline Tang, Salaka Hewamaduma, Priyanthi Perera, Josh Davis, Maree Spinks, Graham Holmes, Joyce Foo and Peter Wilkinson.

**19th and 20th of May
 Pentecost Sunday**

Genesis: 11:1-9 Exodus 19:3-8,16-20 Exekeil 37:1-14		Projector Operators
6.00pm Readers Commentator	Vincent Lam Abigayle Retchman	Andrew Rabel
8.00am Readers Commentator	Michael Liddy Harry Martin	Hannah Sleeth
11.00am Reader Commentator	Suzanne Marshall Maria Ryan	Jordan Lim
Altar Servers	6.00pm 8.00am 11.00am	Chantelle and Alex Retchman Volunteers Please Gabriel and Abbey
Money Counters	Group 3: Angela Stuart Bernadette Mithen	Dawn Pratley Ann Wetherall
Our Next Children's liturgy Masses	17 th June, 15 th July, 19 th Aug, 16 th Sep,	

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

NB. "CS" indicates Communion Service only

	OLOP	SSPP
Monday	-	9am CS St Matthias
Tuesday	-	9.00 CS
Wednesday	9.00am CS- Rosary after morning mass	9am CS
Thursday	9.00am CS	9.00 CS
Friday	9.00 Mass CS	9am CS
Saturday	6pm VIGIL (1st Sat of Month ONLY)	9am CS- 6.00pm Vigil
SUNDAY	9:30am	8am, 11am

May 13, 2018 - Ascension of Our Lord
 "Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God,
 God abides in him, and he in God." – 1 JOHN 4:15
 How strong is your faith? When you have an
 opportunity to either defend or clarify a question
 about our Catholic faith, do you do it?