



OUR LADY OF THE PINES, DONVALE



Ss PETER & PAUL, DONCASTER EAST



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PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS AT 23 LEEDS ST DONCASTER EAST, VIC 3109

Tuesday to Friday

9am—3pm

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A, 6th & 7th DECEMBER 2025

CHILD SAFETY POLICY

We are dedicated to ensuring the safety and dignity of all children and young people in our parish, fostering a caring and supportive environment. For our child-safe policy, please visit our parish website or contact the parish office

OUR VISION

SSPP: We are a welcoming, inclusive Catholic community committed to living our Christian faith daily. We celebrate and witness that Jesus lives and share the message of the Gospel through our actions.

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

YOUTH MASS

4th Sunday, 11:15am @Ss Peter & Paul
Youth Coordinator: Sharon Yeo

FUNERALS & WEDDINGS

By Appointment

CONFESSION

Our Lady of the Pines Parish

1st & 3rd Saturday: 4:30pm

Ss Peter and Paul Parish

Saturday: After 9am mass &

2nd & 4th Saturday 5:30pm

ROSARY

Our Lady of the Pines Parish

Weekday: Following 9am Mass

Sunday: 9am

Ss Peter and Paul Parish

Weekday: Following 9am Mass

BAPTISM

Our Lady of the Pines Parish

1st Sunday at 11am

Ss Peter and Paul Parish

2nd Sunday at 12:30pm

SSPP BIBLE SHARING

Wednesday: 10:15am

SSPP CHARISMATIC GROUP

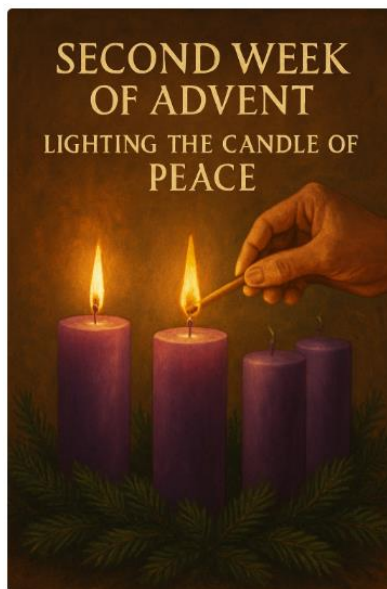
Tuesday: 7:00pm

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE

On the Second Sunday of Advent, we light the Candle of Peace, reminding us of the calm and hope Christ brings. This candle calls us to welcome peace into our hearts and our homes.

As it is lit, we're encouraged to pause, pray, and allow God's presence to settle our worries. We can live this message daily by choosing patience, showing kindness, and seeking understanding and reconciliation with others.

The Candle of Peace reminds us that Advent is a time to embrace stillness, soften our hearts, and become instruments of peace in our families and communities.



PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed for the Christmas break from **Tuesday, 23 December 2025**, and will reopen on **Tuesday, 13 January 2026**. During this period, emails and phone messages will be monitored periodically for urgent matters.

We thank you for your understanding and wish all our parishioners a blessed and peaceful Christmas season.

PARISH & SUPPORTING PRIESTS

Parish Priest: Fr Toan Nguyen

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Supporting Priest: Fr Kevin Dillon

Frkdillon@outlook.com.au

PARISH STAFF

Parish Secretary: Maria C. & Orene M.

Bookkeeping: Frances Johnson

PPC Chairperson

OLOP: Peter Given

SSPP: Andres Isaza

School Principal

Brendan Keeling

OLOP Phone: 9842 2991

SSPP Phone: 9842 2056

MASS TIMES

Ss Peter & Paul's Parish

Tuesday, Thursday: 9am

Mon, Wednesday & Friday:

Communion Service at 9am

Saturday: 9am & Vigil at 6pm

Sunday: 8am & 11:15am

Mass & Divine Mercy Devotion:

1st Friday of the Month at 7:30pm

Our Lady of the Pines Parish

Wednesday and Friday: 9am

Saturday Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 9:30am

SUPPORT US

Ss Peter & Paul's Parish

BSB: 083 347

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643843933

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Our Lady of the Pines Parish

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Act No:

647620921

or QR Code:



OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISH NEWSLETTER & NOTICES

BAPTISM

We joyfully announce the Baptism of **Luca D'Abaco** at Our Lady of the Pines. Surrounded by family and our parish community, Luca will be welcomed into the Church with love and blessing. We keep Luca and his family in our prayers as they begin this special journey of faith.



PIETY GIFT STALL NEWS

FOUND!!!

We are happy to announce that our shepherd and 4 sheep have found a new home with our parishioner Mary L. They are so happy to be celebrating the Christmas Season with their newfound family and hope to bring them lots of joy.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Raffle tickets are on sale this weekend for wonderful prizes, as well as craft items, preserves and some plants. They will be available at the Saturday evening Mass, as well as Sunday Morning. This is the final fundraising event for the year - all prizes and goods are donated .

SUCCESSFUL CHARLIE BEZZINA FUNCTION RAISES OVER \$3,000

A wonderful day was enjoyed by everyone who attended the Charlie Bezzina function. Thanks to the generosity and support of all participants, the event was able to raise an impressive profit of \$3,084. The Social and Fundraising Committee extends their heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to making the day such a success.

Ss PETERS AND PAULS PARISH NEWSLETTER & NOTICES

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION SUNDAY, 14TH DECEMBER

Next Sunday, 14th December, we look forward to celebrating with everyone at our parish Christmas Gathering following the 11:15am Mass.

Thank you to all who have generously contributed to our Christmas Raffle — your support helps make this celebration truly special.

RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE THIS WEEKEND

Raffle tickets for our upcoming **Christmas Gathering at SSPP on Saturday, 14 December** will be available for purchase starting this weekend. Tickets are **\$2 each or 3 for \$5**. All primary school children will receive **one free ticket upon entry**. We look forward to celebrating with you!



PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY THIS ADVENT

As we continue our Advent journey, we warmly invite all parishioners to join us in praying the Holy Rosary before our weekend Masses. Please note the updated start times, now 25 minutes before each Mass:

- Saturday Vigil: 5:35pm
- Sunday Mass: 7:35am
- Sunday Mass: 10:50am

This is a beautiful opportunity to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and to pray together as a community. We are also seeking volunteers to lead the Rosary. If you are able to assist, please add your name to the Rosary Roster located at the back of the church.

Thank you for helping us keep this treasured devotion alive during the blessed season of Advent.

LADIES LUNCH GROUP

On 26 November, the ladies' luncheon group held our last function for the year at the Manhattan Hotel in Ringwood, where we enjoyed their buffet luncheon. Twenty ladies attended, and we were delighted when Fr. Toan was able to join us. Great fellowship and fun was had by all, especially when Fr Toan shared jokes from the Christmas crackers. Our group will resume on Wednesday, 4th February 2026, with a bring-a-plate (with food on it) luncheon, to be held in the Narthex of the Church. More details to follow next year. Wishing our group and all parishioners a holy and happy Christmas and New Year. Muriel O'Gorman

COMBINED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISH & Ss PETER AND PAUL'S PARISH

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL MASS

On **Monday, 22 December at 7:30 pm**, Fr. Kevin will celebrate a **Memorial Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul's Church**, East Doncaster, for those who have passed in the past year and whose funerals he has conducted. Parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul's and Our Lady of the Pines are welcome to attend, nominate loved ones to be remembered, and light a Memorial Candle. Names will be displayed on the screen. To include someone, email frkdillon@outlook.com.au or call/text 0421 777 360.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA: BE A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS FOR FAMILIES FACING ADVERSITY THIS CHRISTMAS.

This Christmas, help "be a light in the darkness" for families affected by war, displacement, and poverty. With the conflict in Ukraine intensifying, more families need urgent support. Caritas Ukraine is providing food, emergency shelter, and psychosocial assistance.

Donate today: [Caritas Christmas Appeal](#).



SMALL BUSINESSES WE WANT YOU

14TH DECEMBER
COME CELEBRATE AT
ST PETER AND PAULS
CHRISTMAS PARTY

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED
PLEASE CONTACT MARIJA AT
SPPSOCIAL@HOTMAIL.COM

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – MONDAY, 8 DECEMBER

We warmly invite all parishioners to join us in celebrating the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** on **Monday, 8 December**, with a special Mass at **9:00am** at **Ss Peter & Paul's Parish**.

This feast is a beautiful reminder of Mary's unique grace and her "yes" to God, which opened the way for our salvation. As parish communities, let us come together in prayer and thanksgiving on this holy day.

JUBILEE YEAR MASS AT THE OUR LADY OF LA VANG SHRINE

As part of the Jubilee celebrations, we warmly invite parishioners from our partner parishes of Our Lady of the Pines and St Peter & Paul's to join Father Toan who will be leading the **Mass at Our Lady of La Vang Shrine** on **Saturday, 20 December at 9:00am**.

**Address: 225 Hutton Rd,
Keysborough**

We come together as parish communities to celebrate and reflect with grace and gratitude on the year that has passed, and to look with hope toward the year ahead



ADVENT RETREAT AT ST DOMINIC'S- Saturday, 13 December

Join us for a day-long Advent Retreat on the theme "*She was conceived by the Holy Spirit.*"

When: 9:00 am Mass to 4–5 pm Adoration, Confession & Benediction

Where: St Dominic's Parish, 816 Riversdale Road, Camberwell

Cost: \$20 (includes morning/afternoon tea & lunch)

Register:

<https://www.trybooking.com/DHPYF>

Contact:

pastoral.associate@stdominics.org.au

LET'S CELEBRATE ALL WELCOME 2025 CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE A Season of Joy PARTNER PARISHES OF OUR LADY OF THE PINES & Ss PETER & PAUL		
Dates	ST PETER & PAUL'S CHURCH 23 Leeds St, Doncaster East VIC 3109	OUR LADY OF THE PINES' CHURCH 77 Carbine St, Donvale VIC 3111
Sunday, 14 th December	11:15am: SSPP Parish Christmas Gathering (Carols, children's activities, Raffles, foods and more)	
Tues, 16 th December	7:00pm: 2 nd Rites of Reconciliation	
Wed, 24 th December CHRISTMAS EVE	- 5:30pm: Carols & Children's Nativity - 6:00pm: Mass - 11:30pm: Carols - Midnight Mass	- 5:30pm: Carols & Children's Nativity - 6:00pm: Mass
Thurs, CHRISTMAS DAY	- 10:30am: Carols - 11:00am: Mass	- 9:00am: Carols - 9:30am: Mass
NEW YEAR'S EVE (Wednesday)	- 7:00pm: Thanksgiving Adoration - 8:00pm: End of Year Thanksgiving Mass	
NEW YEAR'S DAY (Thurs)	9:00am: Mass (MARY, the Holy Mother of God – Solemnity)	

CHRISTMAS MASS VOLUNTEERS

Our Christmas Mass volunteer lists are now available! If you'd like to help with any ministries or roles during the Christmas celebrations, please sign up. Your support is greatly appreciated and helps ensure our liturgies run smoothly this special season.

ROSTERS

OUR LADY OF THE PINES ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 13th DECEMBER & 14th DECEMBER

READERS:

- Sat 5pm: Maria Carey
- Sun 9:30am: Natalie Chim

COMMENTATORS:

- Sat 5pm: Peter Given
- Sun 9:30am: Mark Keating

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS:

- Sat 5pm: Lisa
- Sun 9:30am: Suraj Perera

ALTAR SERVERS:

- Sat 5pm: Jeanelle, Alex & Emily
- Sun 9:30am: Rosa, Madelyn & Porscha

MONEY COUNTING:

- Group 7: Mirella Drago, Buford Ng & Jack Deady

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

- Sat 5pm: Gill & James Beckford
- Sun 9:30am: Joan McDonald & Luzanne Argæet

PIETY STALL:

- Sat 5pm: Lisa Bertuola
- Sun 9:30am: Janet Goodwin

HOSPITALITY TEAMS:

- Payne, Clevén, Keating & Yang

Ss PETER AND PAUL'S ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 13th DECEMBER & 14th DECEMBER

READERS:

- Sat 6pm: Diana Ting
- Sun 8am: Suzanna Pilon
- 11:15am: Merlin Cugal

COMMENTATORS:

- Sat 6pm: Stefanie Leman
- Sun 8am: Greg Sleeth
- 11:15am: Michelle Kuek

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS:

- Sat 6pm: Elaine Chong
- Sun 8am: Volunteer
- 11:15am: Maryanne Kuek

ALTAR SERVERS:

- Sat 6pm: Adrian & Ambrose
- Sun 11:15am: Nicole Isaza

MONEY COUNTING:

- Group 2: Imelda Sutanto, Elaine Edwards & Patrick Martin

COMMUNION MINISTER:

- Sat 6pm: Judith Clark
- Sun 8am: Barbara Gratton
- Sun 11:15am: Nicole Morabito & Volunteer

CLEANING ROSTER FOR 13th DECEMBER AT 10AM:

Group 1: Michelle Kuek, Chris Boag, Eileen Fong & Zennie Brun

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

AT OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISH
Bob O'Halloran

AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S PARISH
Mariana Surjadi

WE PRAY FOR THE ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL & THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY PASSED

AT OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISH

AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S PARISH
Phillip Dowisha, Maria Cossa & Francesco Cossa

MASS READINGS

THIS WEEKEND READINGS 6th DECEMBER & 7th DECEMBER

First Reading:

[Isaiah 11:1-10](#)

Second Reading:

[Romans 15:4-9](#)

Gospel:

[Matthew 3:1-12](#)

NEXT WEEKEND READINGS 13th DECEMBER & 14th DECEMBER

First Reading:

[Isaiah 35:1-6, 10](#)

Second Reading:

[James 5:7-10](#)

Gospel:

[Matthew 11:2-11](#)

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List your business in our parish newsletter. Contact (03) 9842 1480

Mark's Gardening Service:

Weeding, Mowing, Mulching, Hedging –
All your garden needs. Pension Discounts
Call Mark: 0456 166 860

Fabris Electrical Contractors:

Electrical services and Data or Phone system installation.
Call Marco: 0421 907 112 or
Mario: 0421 907 061

NEWSLETTER REMINDER

Please forward any newsletter items to the Parish Office by no later than Wednesday midday.
Thank You.