OUR LADY OF THE PINES, DONVALE † Ss PETER & PAUL, DONCASTER EAST

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A, 24th OCTOBER & 25th OCTOBER 2026

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
Weekends: Sun 9am
Ss Peter and Paul Parish
Weekday: Following 9am Mass
Weekends: Sat 5:35pm, Sun 7:35am & 10:50am

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

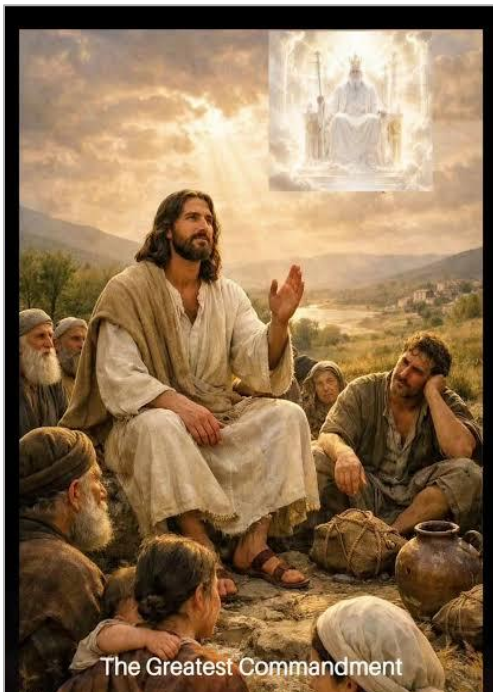
THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34-40

"You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."

In this week's Gospel, Jesus is asked which commandment is the greatest. He responds by reminding us that the foundation of our faith is to love God wholeheartedly and to love our neighbour as ourselves. These two commandments are inseparable and form the heart of Christian living.

This Gospel invites us to reflect on how we express our love for God through the way we treat others. Do our words and actions reflect kindness, patience, compassion and understanding? Jesus reminds us that true faith is more than words or rituals; it is lived through genuine love, forgiveness and service to others. By placing love at the centre of our lives, we draw closer to God and become a reflection of his love in the world.



PARISH & SUPPORTING PRIESTS

Parish Priest: Fr Toan Nguyen
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Frkdillon@outlook.com.au

PARISH STAFF

Parish Secretary: Maria C. & Suzanna P
Bookkeeping: Frances Johnson
PPC Chairperson
OLOP: Peter Given
SSPP: Mary Lim
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
Act No: 643843933
or QR Code

Our Lady of the Pines Parish
BSB: 083 347
Act No: 647620921
or QR Code:

OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISH NEWSLETTER & NOTICES

SYNODALITY REPRESENTATIVE SELECTED

We congratulate **Garry Nolan** on his selection as our parish representative for Synodality.
Synodality is about journeying together as a Church, encouraging all members of our faith community to listen, share ideas and participate in shaping the future of the Church, guided by the Holy Spirit. We wish Garry every success in this important role and assure him of our prayers and support as he represents our parish community.

PIETY GIFT STALL NEWS - THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

Brand new to the gift stall are a lovely glass Murano style rosary in blue, a floral porcelain bead and a pyramid shaped glass bead rosary (pictured below). All rosary purchases go towards our *OLOP fundraising.* Columbian calendars are also available at the stall.



SOCIAL/FUNDRAISING - IRISH AFTERNOON

A wonderful afternoon was had by all the 80 people who attended last Sunday. Damian Howard and The Ploughboys were absolute world class entertainment! Pleased to announce a **profit of $4,196** was made on the day. Thank you for your support
Social/Fundraising committee

CATHOLICCARE CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

ONLY **four** families are still awaiting support! Please help us ensure no family misses out this Christmas by putting your name down.



Ss PETERS AND PAUL'S PARISH NEWSLETTER & NOTICES

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL – NEW CHAIRPERSON

We warmly congratulate **Mary Lim** on her appointment as the new Chairperson of our Parish Pastoral Council. We wish Mary every success in her new role and look forward to her leadership as we continue to strengthen and nurture our parish community. We also extend our sincere thanks to **Andres Isaza** for his dedication, commitment and valuable service as Chairperson. We are grateful for his contribution and wish him all the very best. May God bless them both. We encourage more parishioners to join our PPC. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office.

SR TRUDY RETURNS TO JERUSALEM NEXT MONDAY

Sr Trudy is returning to look after The Education Fund for the next two years, and then returning to retire here, most likely to Box Hill. She thanks all Parishioners supporting her efforts over more than twenty years since the early 1980's via SsPP One in a Hundred Appeal. The needs she is addressing are continuous, so she asks for your ongoing support during this time. We will send the additional $1,000 contributed since the September transfer of $8,300 soon, and any more you wish to contribute. **Please add yours to SsPP Social Justice account: BSB 083-347 A/C 473008563**
In due course plans will be made for the Education Fund to continue its vital work.
Thanks, and God Bless Harry and Trudy

LADIES LUNCHEON GROUP

On 21 October eleven ladies visited the BBQ-Korean restaurant and enjoyed a nice luncheon special. Our final luncheon for the year will be on 25th November at 12.30pm at the Manhattan Hotel in Ringwood. For their wonderful smorgasbord. Please ring Muriel on 0417 055 617 if you are interested in attending. The luncheon group will then resume in 2027 on the 2nd Wednesday of February with a luncheon in the Church Narthex.

IN LOVING MEMORY – OUR CONDOLENCES

We extend our heartfelt condolences to the families and loved ones of Sam Morabito, Rosina Di Bartolomeo and Rick Street on their recent passing.
Funeral arrangements are as follows:

- **Rosina Di Bartolomeo:** Tuesday, 27 October, with a viewing at 10:30am, followed by Mass at 11:00am.
- **Sam Morabito**: Friday, 30 October 10:45am Rosary, followed by 11:00am Mass
- **Rick Street**: Funeral on Friday 6 November at 11:00am.

May our loving Lord grant these families strength, comfort and peace during this difficult time, and may their loved ones rest in His eternal embrace.

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



	OUR LADY OF THE PINES	Ss PETER AND PAUL
Sick:		Paul O'Connor
Recently Deceased	Frank Evans	Sam Morabito, Rosina Di Bartolomeo, Rick Street
Anniversaries		Francisco Farre, Frances Nolan

*To ensure the lists remain accurate, please **advise the Parish Office by Wednesday** of the week you would like a name included. Names will not be carried forward unless we are advised to do so. Anniversaries will need to be advised annually.*



OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

October is traditionally dedicated to the **Holy Rosary**, a special time when we are invited to turn to Mary and, through her intercession, draw closer to her Son, Jesus. Throughout October, we invite parishioners to join us in praying the Rosary together:

Our Lady of the Pines

- Following the **9:00am weekday Masses**
- **Sunday at 9:00am**

Ss Peter & Paul's

- Following the **9:00am weekday Masses**
- **Saturday at 5:35pm**
- **Sunday at 7:35am and 10:50am**

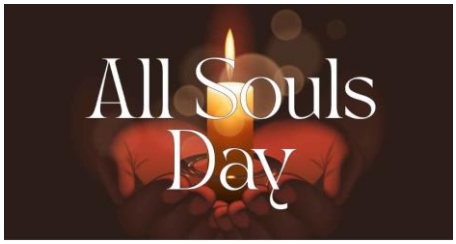
Whether you pray the Rosary regularly or have not prayed it for some time, you are warmly encouraged to join our parish community during this special month as we entrust our families, our parish and the needs of our world to Our Lady's intercession.

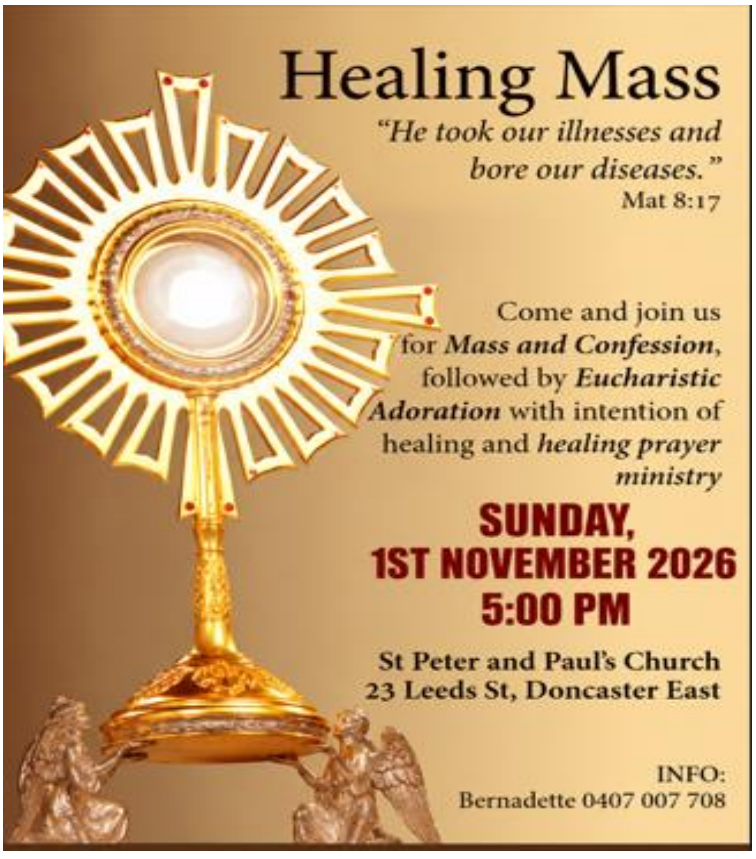
ALL SOULS' DAY MASS – MONDAY, 2 NOVEMBER

A special Mass will be celebrated at **Ss Peter and Paul's Church on Monday, 2 November, at 9:00am** to commemorate All Souls' Day.

On this day, we remember and pray for all the faithful departed, especially our loved ones who have gone before us.

All parishioners are warmly invited to join us in prayer as we entrust their souls to God's loving mercy and eternal peace. We welcome you to bring a photo of your loved one.





ROSTERS

OUR LADY OF THE PINES ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 31st OCTOBER & 1st NOVEMBER

READERS:
- Sat 5pm: Rita Latimour
- Sun 9:30am: Juanita Monahan

COMMENTATORS:
- Sat 5pm: Trish Gurney
- Sun 9:30am: Patrick Monahan

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS:
- Sat 5pm: Jeanelle
- Sun 9:30am: Bruce Stewart

ALTAR SERVERS:
- Sat 5pm: Nick, Emily & Tiana
- Sun 9:30am: Zayne, Zach & Madelyn

MONEY COUNTING:
- Group 8: Sue Separovic, Chris Healy & Bruce Stewart

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:
- Sat 5pm: Oswald Mendonca
- Sun 9:30am: Monica Luttick & Jill Howell

PIETY STALL:
- Sat 5pm: Rita Latimour
- Sun 9:30am: Mirella Drago

HOSPITALITY TEAMS:
- Stewart & Separovic

Ss PETER AND PAUL'S ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 31ST OCTOBER & 1ST NOVEMBER

READERS:
- Sat 6pm: Paul O'Hanlon
- Sun 8am: Paul O'Connor
- Sun 11:15am: Tehani Fernando

COMMENTATORS:
- Sat 6pm: Marie de Kretser
- Sun 8am: Saliya Gurusinghe
- Sun 11:15am: Carmel Nigro

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS:
- Sat 6pm: Nick Soo
- Sun 8am: Frank Smit
- Sun 11:15am: Amor Grabkowski

ALTAR SERVERS:
- Sat 6pm: Sun 11:15am:

ROSARY LEADERS:
- Sat 6pm: Marie
- Sun 8am: Sheryl
- Sun 11:15am: Vince

PILGRIM STATUE:
- Has ended its pilgrimage within our Parish

MONEY COUNTING:
Group 3: Angela Stuart, Bernadette Mithen, Dawn Pratley & Ann Wetherall

COMMUNION MINISTER:
- Sat 6pm: Paul O'Hanlon
- Sun 8am: Volunteer
- Sun 11:15am: Carmel Nigro & Volunteer

CLEANING ROSTER FOR 31 October: Group 6: Julian Siame, Monika Chai, Patrick Martin, Sebastian Fernando, Ann Fernando, Kim & Hans Osorio

MASS READINGS

THIS WEEKEND READINGS 25th OCTOBER & 25th OCTOBER

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10
Gospel: **Matthew 22:34-40**

NEXT WEEKEND READINGS 31st OCTOBER & 1st NOVEMBER

First Reading: Revelation 7:2-4. 9-14
Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

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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: 0421907112 or Mario: 0421 907 061

Drypt - Automotive Detailing
Paint correction and ceramic coating Call Steven: 0400 999 502

Crunch Electrical:
Call Teemu: 0475 270 009
Website: www.crunchelectrical .com.au

NEWSLETTER REMINDER

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